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## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater

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### **Message: *General Assembly Experience***

with Margie Manning, Susan Gore, Sue Hand and Sue Boone

**Date: *August 9, 2020***

**Our Vision:** An inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action.

**Our Mission:** To celebrate dignity and respect for all, nurture lifelong spiritual growth, act for justice and equality, and serve the wider community.

**Welcome:**

Sue Boone

**Prelude:**

"Prelude #5" by Lennox Berkeley

**Call to Worship**

Ian W. Riddell, adapted

**Chalice Lighting:**

by Amy Carol Webb

We light this flame  
For the art of sacred unknowing.  
Humbled by all that we cannot fathom in this time,  
We come into the presence of what we do know,  
Perhaps the only thing we can ever know:  
That Love is now and forever  
The only answer to everything  
And everyone  
In every moment.

**Opening Hymn:**

Hymn #1 "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door"

**Joys and Sorrows:**

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

"Prayer by Prayer" by Barbara Hamilton-Holway



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**Interlude:**

"Valse Romantique" by Claude Debussy

**Message:**

*The General Assembly Experience*

**As shared by:**

**Margie Manning** - Rev. Guengerich's workshop on gratitude as a spiritual practice.

**Susan Gore** - Commission on Institutional Change report.

**Sue Hand** - the inclusion of the spirit of First People in the worship services.

**Sue Boone** - general observations of good and bad of the virtual gathering

**Closing Hymn:**

Hymn #1028 "The Fire of Commitment"

**Extinguishing the Chalice:**

Sue Boone

*"Go in peace, go making peace, live gently, love mightily and bow to the mystery"*

### Our Grateful Thanks:

**Worship Associate:** Sue Boone; **Service Technical Support:** Michael Kahn; **UUC Music:** Linda Jones, Staff Accompanist; **Staff:** (RE) Marie Chapin; Ashley Rodriguez; Ito Santana; Susan Strauss, Custodian; Anne Gilbert, Office Administrator; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; **Pastoral Associates:** Drinda Lombardi (August 3 – August 9); Sally Otto (August 10 – August 16).

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**Opening Hymn**

**Hymn #1 "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door"**

May nothing evil cross this door,  
and may ill fortune never pry about  
these windows; may the roar  
and rain go by.

By faith made strong, the rafters will  
withstand the battering of the storm.  
This hearth, though all the world grow chill,  
will keep you warm.

Peace shall walk softly through these rooms,  
touching our lips with holy wine,  
till every casual corner blooms  
into a shrine.

With laughter drown the raucous shout,  
and, though these sheltering walls are thin,  
may they be strong to keep hate out  
and hold love in.

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"**

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.  
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.  
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar,  
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.  
Arráigame, libérame,  
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;



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move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.  
Spirit of Life, come unto us.  
Sing in our hearts all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold us close; wings set us free;  
Spirit of Life, come to us, come to us.

### ***Closing Hymn***

#### **Hymn #1028 "The Fire of Commitment"**

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear  
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,  
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus