



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater

Sermon: "Surprising the Opposition"

Rev. Dave

Date: *October 18, 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:

Michael Kahn

"To Learn More About Being Human" by Erika A. Hewitt

Linda Stoller

Social Justice Report

Prelude:

"Holy Now" by Peter Mayer

Call to Worship

"Enter Into The Quiet" by Jay E. Abernathy, Jr.

Let us seek the quiet and the calm
Let us lay aside our loud calling
Let us lay aside our struggle

Speak softly: let us listen to the melodies that recall
other proportions

Our moments tarry not with us
Let us then seek the dimension that endures
beyond all nowness and hereeness
beyond all requirement and all particularity

Let us speak softly that we may hear
Let us enter into the quiet.



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Chalice Lighting:

"Always a Voice Arises" by Rev. Scott Tayler

What is it about this flame that opens our ears?
Opens our hearts?
"Come back to your center," it calls.
"Return to that quiet space we long for,
And that longs for us."
From this stillness,
always a voice arises,
if we let it.
So come, friends,
let us listen once again.
Let us find that flame inside
that guides us back home.

Opening Hymn:

Hymn #298 "Wake Now, My Senses"

Joys and Sorrows:

Hymn #1031 "Filled With Loving Kindness"



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Offertory Message

For online giving: <https://uuc.breezechms.com/give/online>

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Interlude:

"Landslide" by Stevie Nicks

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Closing Hymn:

Hymn #1007 "There's A River Flowin' In My Soul"

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Michael Kahn; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow; **UUC Music:** Dr. David Katz, UUC Music Director; Linda Jones, UUC Staff Accompanist; Culver Casson, Soprano Section Leader and Soloist **Staff:** Rev. Dave, PPCM; Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Office Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Religious Enrichment; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian **Pastoral Associates:** Sally Otto (October 12 – October 18); Kathy Krohn (October 19 – October 25).

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Opening Hymn #298 "Wake Now, My Senses"

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care.



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Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #1031 "Filled With Loving Kindness"

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.

May I be peaceful and at ease.

May I be whole.

May you be filled ...

May we be filled ...

Closing Hymn

Hymn #1007 "There's A River Flowin' In My Soul"

There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my soul.

And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.

There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my heart...

There's a river flowin' in my mind...