



## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – April 11, 2021

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**Message:**     *"The Company We Keep"*

**Meredith Olson**

**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:**

Ed Kraemer

**Call to Worship:**

Hymn #389 "Gathered Here"

**Chalice Lighting:**

by Elizabeth Espenshade

Albert Schweitzer said:

"We have cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flames within us."

We light our chalice in honor of those lighted flames which guide our hearts in peace.

We light our chalice in love towards those living and those dead who so gently ignited them.

**Opening Hymn:**

Hymn #1051 "We Are..."

Sung by Dr. Ysaÿe Barnwell &

the UU General Assembly 2020 Virtual Choir

**Time for All Ages:** "Because I Had a Teacher," by Kobi Yamada

Meredith Olson

**Joys and Sorrows:**

Hymn #101 "Abide with Me"

Performed by Lea Morris

Words to verse 3 by Rev Erika Hewitt

**Offertory Message:**

The month of April grants us the opportunity to generously give to the **Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)**. Read more about our initiatives for this organization in the E-Octagram. If you wish to donate to the **CIW**, please click on the link below and select "Coalition of Immokalee Workers" from the dropdown menu.

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

**For text giving:** (727) 500-2410



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**Musical Interlude:** Hymn #1021 "Lean on Me"

**Reading:** "The Church is a Body" by Victoria Weinstein, adapted

**Message:** "The Company We Keep" Meredith Olson

**Closing Hymn:** Hymn #1020 "Woyaya"

**Extinguishing the Chalice:**

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

### Our Grateful Thanks:

**Worship Associate:** Ed Kraemer; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow; **UUC 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; **UUC Music:** Culver Casson, Soprano; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn (April 5 – April 11); Susan Hegner (April 12 – April 18).

**Special Thanks to L. Wood for the beautiful and inspiring UUC original artwork**





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### Call to Worship Hymn #389 "Gathered Here"

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.  
Gathered here in one strong body.  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.  
Spirit, draw near.

### Opening Hymn# 1051 "We Are..."

For each child that's born,  
a morning star rises and  
sings to the universe  
who we are.

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We are our grandmothers' prayers  
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,  
we are the breath of our ancestors,  
we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,  
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,  
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,  
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,  
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,  
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

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### Joys and Sorrows Hymn #101 "Abide with Me"

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; still with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou who changes not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.



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### Musical Interlude Hymn #1021 "Lean on Me"

Sometimes in our lives  
we all have pain,  
we all have sorrow.  
But if we are wise  
we know that there's  
always tomorrow.

#### Chorus:

Lean on me when you're not strong  
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,  
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need  
somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride  
if I have things  
you need to borrow,  
For no one can fill  
those of your needs  
that you won't let show.

#### Bridge:

Just call on me brother when you need a hand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

If there is a load  
you have to bear  
that you can't carry,  
I'm right up the road,  
I'll share your load  
if you just call me.

Call me... call me...



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### Closing Hymn #1020 "Woyaya"

We are going,  
heaven knows where we are going,  
but we know within.

And we will get there,  
heaven knows how we will get there,  
but we know we will.

It will be hard, we know,  
and the road will be muddy and rough,  
but we'll get there,  
heaven knows how we will get there,  
but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya,  
Woyaya, Woyaya,