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## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – May 9, 2021

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### ***"Learning to Trust"***

***Rev. Roberta***

**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

**Prelude:** "We Shall be Known"  
Thrive Choir

**Call to Worship:** "Mother's Day Can Be Complicated and That's Okay"  
by Mandy McCarty Harris, adapted

**Chalice Lighting:** Ed Kraemer  
As we light the chalice, may its flame be a symbol of trust,  
Trust in ourselves, trust in each other, and trust in our spiritual community,  
Whose light and warmth guide us toward meaning and fulfillment.

**Opening Hymn:** Hymn #1053 "How Could Anyone"

**Time for All Ages:** "The Invisible String" by Patrice Karst  
Meredith Olson

**Joys and Sorrows:** Rev. Roberta

**Pastoral Prayer:** "Giver of Being and Freedom"  
by George Kimmich Beach

**Musical Response:** Hymn #396 "I Know This Rose Will Open"

**Offertory Message:** Ed Kraemer

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**Musical Interlude:**

"Something About You"  
Elderbrook & Rudimental

**Sermon:**

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**Closing Hymn:**

Hymn #325 "Love Makes a Bridge"

**Benediction:**

Rev. Roberta

**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:** Susan Hegner (May 3 – May 9); Sally Otto (May 10 – May 16).

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





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### **Opening Hymn #1053 "How Could Anyone"**

How could anyone ever tell you  
you were anything less than beautiful?  
How could anyone ever tell you  
you were less than whole?  
How could anyone fail to notice  
that your loving is a miracle?  
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

### **Musical Response Hymn #396 "I Know This Rose Will Open"**

I know this rose will open.  
I know my fear will burn away.  
I know my soul will unfurl its wings.  
I know this rose will open.

### **Closing Hymn #325 "Love Makes a Bridge"**

Love makes a bridge from heart to heart, and hand to hand.  
Love finds a way when laws are blind, and freedom banned.

Love breaks the walls of language, gender, class, and age.  
Love gives us wings to slip the bars of every cage.

Love lifts the hopes that force and fear have beaten down.  
Love breaks the chains and gives us strength to stand our ground.

Love rings the bells of wanted birth and wedding day.  
Love guides the hands that promise more than words can say.

Love makes a bridge that winds may shake, yet not destroy.  
Love carries faith through life and death, to endless joy.