



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – January 24, 2021

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Sara Zimmerman

"John Lennon's 'Imagine' and the Interdependent Web"

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: "Daydream Believer" by John Stewart

Call to Worship: "This Faith" by Heide Cottam

Chalice Lighting: "For the Web of Life" by Paul Sprecher

We light this chalice for the web of life which sustains us,
For the sacred circle of life in which we have our being,
For the Earth, the Sky, Above and Below, and
For our Mother Earth, and for the Mystery.

Opening Hymn: Hymn #1059 "May Your Life Be as a Song"

Joys and Sorrows: Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Time for All Ages:

Offertory Message:

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Reading: "The Stream of Life" by Rabindranath Tagore

Interlude: "Imagine" by John Lennon

Sermon: *"John Lennon's 'Imagine' and the Interdependent Web"* **Rev. Dr. Sara Zimmerman**

Closing Hymn: Hymn #108 "My Life Flows On In Endless Song"



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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 Music:** Dr. David Katz, UUC Music Director; Linda Jones, UUC Staff Accompanist; Diego Iglesias, Tenor Section Leader and Soloist; Van Fenstermaker, Guitar and Vocals; **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:** Susan Hegner (January 18 – January 24); Sally Otto (January 25 – January 31).

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





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Opening Hymn #1059 "May Your Life Be as a Song"

May your life be as a song,
Resounding with the dawn
to sing awake the light.
And softly serenade the stars,
Ever dancing circles in the night.

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;
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;
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Reading: "The Stream of Life" by Rabindranath Tagore

The same stream of life that runs through my veins night and day
runs through the world and dances in rhythmic measures.
It is the same life that shoots in joy through the dust of the earth
in numberless blades of grass and breaks into tumultuous waves
of leaves and flowers.
It is the same life that is rocked in the ocean-cradle of birth and of death,
in ebb and in flow.
I feel my limbs are made glorious by the touch of this world of life.
And my pride is from the life-throb of ages dancing in my blood this moment.

Interlude: "Imagine" by John Lennon

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people living for today

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people living life in peace, you

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people sharing all the world, you

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But I'm not the only one
I hope some day you'll join us
And the world will be as one.



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Closing Hymn #108 "My Life Flows On In Endless Song"

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!