



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – January 31, 2021

Sermon: Meredith Olson

"Imagining Other Perspectives"

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: "Dream With Me" by David Foster, Linda Thompson and Jackie Evancho

Call to Worship: Dana E Worsnop, adapted

Chalice Lighting: by Laura Thompson

Across the distance, the light from within me shines, sending love to you all.
Across the distance, your light is fuel that warms me and helps to keep my own light burning.
Together, we keep the flame of community burning bright.

Opening Hymn: Hymn #338 "I Seek the Spirit Of A Child"

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

Time for All Ages: Avrio and Elshender Taylor
"Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices" by Paul Fleischman

Offertory Message:

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Interlude: "Dream With Me" by Leonard Bernstein

Sermon: *"Imagining Other Perspectives"* **Meredith Olson**

Closing Hymn: Hymn #118 "This Little Light Of Mine"

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

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Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Sue Boone; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow; **UUC Music:** Dr. David Katz, UUC Music Director; Linda Jones, UUC Staff Accompanist; Emily Righter, Alto 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 (January 25 – January 31); Kathy Krohn (February 1 – February 14).

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Opening Hymn #338 "I Seek the Spirit of a Child"

I seek the spirit of a child, the child who meets life naturally,
the child who sings the world alive, and greets the morning sun with glee.
Children are real beyond all art. May I see: Joy's a gift to our heart.

I seek the freedom of a child, a child who loves instinctively,
who lights our day with just a smile, and shines that light on all we see.
Children are real beyond all fears. May I see: Hope's a gift to our tears.

I seek the wonder of a child, a child who sees delightfully,
now clowns in cloud, now gold in sun — imaginations true and free.
Children are real beyond all lies. May I see: Faith's a gift to our eyes.

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;
Spirit of Life, come to us, come to us.



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Closing Hymn #118 "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine...