



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – April 18, 2021

Earth Day Reflections *Meredith Olson* *Rev. Roberta Finkelstein*

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 Hand
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Prelude:	“Rising Green” by Carol McDade arr. Jim Scott
Call to Worship:	“Blue Sky” by Sue Hand
Chalice Lighting:	“All Animals Are Our Relatives” by Florence Caplow
Opening Hymn:	“All God’s Critters” by Bill Staines
Time for All Ages:	Pet Blessing
Joys and Sorrows:	
Musical Response:	Hymn #395 “Sing and Rejoice” Culver Casson
Earth Day Reflection:	Meredith Olson
Offering Message:	Sue Hand

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.

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Interlude: Hymn #1064 “Blue Boat Home” by Peter Mayer

Earth Day Reflection: Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

Closing Hymn: Hymn #203 "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"
words attributed to St Francis of Assisi

Benediction:

Closing Words:

Extinguishing the Chalice:

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

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Sue Hand; **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 (April 12 – April 18); Sally Otto (April 19 – April 25).

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





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Musical Response to Joys and Sorrows - Hymn #395 "Sing and Rejoice"

Sing and rejoice.
Sing and rejoice.
Let all things living now
sing and rejoice.

Interlude – Hymn #1064 "Blue Boat Home"

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.



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Closing Hymn #203 "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"

All creatures of the earth and sky,
come, kindred, lift your voices high,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam:

(Chorus)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,
white clouds that sail in heav'n along,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,
high stars of evening find a voice:

(Chorus)

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for all life to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,
and bless us with your warmth and light:

(Chorus)

Embracing earth, you, day by day,
bring forth your blessings on our way,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

All herbs and fruits that richly grow,
let them the glory also show:

(Chorus)

All you of understanding heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things now the Holy bless,
and worship God in humbleness:

(Chorus)