



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater

Sermon: *"To Whom We Give Thanks"*

Rev. Dave

Date: *November 22, 2020*

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:

Welcome Home by Rachel Rott

Prelude:

"Holy As A Day Is Spent" by Carrie Newcomer

Call to Worship:

"Come into This Circle of Love and Justice" by Marilyn Sewell

Come into this circle of love and justice,
Come into this community where we can dream and
Believe in those dreams—
Come into this holy space where we remember who we are
And how we want to live.
Come now, and let us worship together!

Chalice Lighting:

"The Abundance of Our Lives Together" by Katie Gelfand

We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude
as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.
In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength for one another,
and offer our crop with the hands of compassion and generosity.

In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,
we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.

May we be grateful for the ways we nourish and uplift each other,
For it is the sharing of this hallowed time together that sustains us.

Opening Hymn:

Hymn #163 "For the Earth Forever Turning"

Time for All Ages

Joys and Sorrows:

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"



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Offertory Message:

"The Shattering of the Vessels" by Amy Petrie Shaw

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

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Interlude:

"Thanksgiving Song" by Mary Chapin Carpenter

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Closing Hymn:

Hymn # 1067 "Mother Earth, Beloved Garden"

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:

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Opening Hymn #163 "For the Earth Forever Turning"

For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.



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.

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Closing Hymn

Hymn #1067 "Mother Earth, Beloved Garden"

Mother Earth, beloved garden, living treasure under foot,
All our days you ground our being: sage and thistle, grass and root.
Herbs to heal us, plants to feed us, land to till and tend and plow.
With the pendant, deep as midnight, North we ask you: be here now.

Father Air, your inspiration holds together all that lives.
As we breathe, our minds see clearly, leading us to love and give.
Raging whirlwind, whispered breezes, violent gale and gentle cloud.
With the blade as sharp as morning, East we ask you: be here now.

Brother Fire, great transformer, share the passion of the sun.
In our hearths, your warmth revives us, cooks our food and heats our homes.
Flaming candle, blood within us, blazing desert, will to grow.
With the wand, directing power, South we ask you: be here now.

Sister Water, ever flowing, ocean, river, pond and rain.
Drink we now and quench our thirsting, cleanse us, we begin again.
Mist and ice, a host of changes, all that courage will allow.
With the cup, the holy chalice, West we ask you, be here now.

Lover Spirit, intuition in the center of our souls.
In your love we find relation. All connected, we are whole.
Timeless mystery, quiet conscience, deepest values, voice inside.
With the drum and with the cauldron, this we ask you, be our guide.