



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – October 25, 2026

UUC Community Sunday

Worship Host: Peggy Tanney

This is the popular Sunday gathering when we meet in the Octagon for a brief welcome. At that point, adults, children, congregants and guests are invited to attend a breakout workshop of choice. We hope you can join us!

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

Peggy Tanney, Worship Host

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Call to Worship

“We Seek Steadiness”
By Joan Javier-Duval
Delivered by Peggy Tanney

Chalice Lighting

“To Fight for an Equitable World”
Written by Tyler Boyle
Delivered by Peggy Tanney

As we light this chalice, let us remember those who came before us: our LGBTQ+ ancestors. Those who had unimaginable courage to fight for an equitable world they would never get an opportunity to witness. Those who planted the seeds of revolution, demanding we be afforded the rights we deserve. And those who we’ve lost along the way. May this flame remind us of our commitment to carry on their legacy and to continue to fight for the rights of LGBTQ+ people everywhere.

Joys and Sorrows

Peggy Tanney

Extinguishing the Chalice

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



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Workshop Title	Location and Facilitator(s)
<i>Is Democracy Dying?</i> As the midterm elections approach, the New York Times article asks this question. It cites five reasons why it is in danger and why it is sliding toward competitive authoritarianism. What happens when the quest for power replaces laws and principles? What can be done to restore it and why it is our great strength and our greatest weakness. Finally, what is our role in restoring our democracy? Author Anne Applebaum says we must reframe our world view and learn to fight back. What does she mean?	Facilitators: Judy Toth and David Thornton Location: Maxwell Library
<i>Qigong: Eight Pieces of Brocade</i> This is one of the oldest practiced forms of medical Qigong. Originating nearly 1,000 years ago during the Song Dynasty, the practice enhances the flow of internal energy (Qi), improves balance, lowers blood pressure, and reduces stress.	Facilitator: Barb Hammond Location: Patio Room
<i>Actualizing Self-compassion</i> Learn a remarkably effective technique combining psychology and Buddhist meditation.	Facilitator: Aryna Ryan Location: Chorale Room
<i>Halloween Fun</i> Join the children in helping set up for the Trick-or-Table event in Surti Hall, followed by ghost stories!	Facilitators: Barb Tobin and Jocelyn Ganoza Locations: Surti Hall and the Octagon
<i>The Courage to Hope</i> Unitarian Universalism views hope not as passive wishful thinking or a guarantee of easy outcomes, but as an active, courageous choice to work for love, justice, and connection in a complex and often broken world. This mini-worship service is designed for everyone who is curious about the UU faith, especially our guests. It will be available to our Zoom participants as well.	Facilitator: Margie Manning Location: Westwood Room and Zoom https://zoom.us/j/93790031827



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Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Peggy Tanney; **Service Technical Support:** Phil Brown, Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** TBD; **UUC Choir:** Barbara Bedingfield, Matt Bouchie, Rich Cann, Linda Carroll, Sharis Coleman-Derr, Gretchen Craig, Anne DiNatale, Elyse Fenstermaker, Jocelyn Ganoza, Pan Godchaux, Amy Hagemeyer, Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer, Chris Parlman, Bruce Peller, Donna Polhamus, Susie Safford, Yukika Takayama, Bryon West; **Guest Musicians:** None this week; **Slides and Video:** Margie Manning and Jeremy Dillow; **Visuals:** Ana "Soledad" Vaquer; **Staff:** Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Roger McCormick, Pianist; Dr. Susan Robinson, Choral Conductor, Zoraida Santana, Custodian; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Lori Thorn, Lifelong Learning; Barb Tobin, Lifelong Learning; Eric Williamson, Handyperson; Dale Zwick, Bookkeeper; **Pastoral Associates:** Bill Foley, Pan Godchaux, Eloise Hardman, Kathy Krohn

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