



## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – March 7, 2021

**Sermon:**

Rev. Roberta

### ***"The Risk of Generosity"***

**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:**

Ray Williamson

**Prelude:**

"I Lift My Voice" by Andrea Ramsey

**Call to Worship:**

**Chalice Lighting:**

**Opening Hymn:**

Hymn #402 "From You I Receive"

**Time for All Ages:**

"Pete and Pickles" by Berkeley Breathed

**Education:**

**Joys and Sorrows:**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

**Musical Response:**

Hymn #1031 "Filled With Loving Kindness"

**Offertory Message:**

The Covid-19 Community Outreach collection recipient for the entire month of March is the Haven of Hope Villages of America (formerly RCS). Please choose "The Haven of HVA" from the drop-down menu if you wish to donate to this organization.

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

**For text giving:** (727) 500-2410

**Interlude:**

"Stand by Me" by Ben E. King



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**Rev. Roberta Finkelstein**

**Introduction to Stewardship Covenant:**

Barry Finkelstein, Stewardship Consultant

**Stewardship Covenant:**

Everybody

**Closing Hymn:**

Hymn #318 “We Would Be One”

**Benediction:**

“We Are One” by Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson

**Extinguishing the Chalice:**

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

### Our Grateful Thanks:

**Worship Associate:** Ray Williamson; **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; 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:** Susan Hegner (March 1 – March 7); Sally Otto (March 8 – March 14).

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





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### Covenant Between Visiting Stewards and the Congregation

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Love – Light – Hope

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**Stewards:** We come among you committed to making our congregation's dreams come true. Those dreams become reality when we are all committed and invested in supporting the mission and vision of our congregation for now and the future.

**Congregation:** We too are committed to the mission and vision of this congregation. We understand that our investment is central to turning our hopes and dreams into reality, and we accept that responsibility with joy.

**Stewards:** We commit ourselves to prepare for each stewardship conversation by first making our own financial commitment and by understanding the goals of the current Annual Stewardship Campaign. We further commit ourselves to contacting each of you to set up a convenient time for our stewardship conversation, and we commit to being fully present in this virtual environment.

**Congregation:** We commit ourselves to make time in our busy lives to have a stewardship conversation. We commit to prepare for the conversation by reflecting upon our relationship with the church, reviewing the material in advance, and engaging the visiting steward in honest and direct conversation.

**Stewards:** We commit ourselves to listen respectfully to your dreams and concerns. We promise to keep private what should be private and pass along only that information that you have asked us to share.

**Congregation:** We commit ourselves to generosity of spirit and promise to make a financial pledge to the best of our ability.

**Everyone:** And together, we commit ourselves to enjoy each other's company, to respect each other's ideas, perceptions, and beliefs, and to have a good time while raising money to ensure the future health and grandest dreams of our church.



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### **Opening Hymn #402 "From You I Receive"**

From you I receive,  
to you I give,  
together we share,  
and from this we live.

### **Joys and Sorrows (Musical Response) Hymn #1031 "Filled With Loving Kindness"**

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.  
May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.  
May I be peaceful and at ease.  
May I be whole.

May you be filled ...

May we be filled ...

### **Closing Hymn #318 "We Would Be One"**

We would be one as now we join in singing  
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
to that high cause of greater understanding  
of who we are, and what in us is true.  
We would be one in living for each other  
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow  
a nobler world than we have known today.  
We would be one in searching for that meaning  
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.  
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
with love and justice, strive to make us free.