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## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – June 29, 2024

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### *Celebration of Life for Nancy Baker*

Led by *Reverend Amy Kindred*

**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.

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**Prelude** Chuck Miller

**Welcome** Rev. Amy Kindred

**Chalice Lighting** Delivered by Rev. Amy Kindred  
Adapted words by Carter Heyward

Love is the willingness to participate with others in the healing of a broken world and broken lives.  
Love is the choice to experience life as a member of the human family.

**Opening Words** From *The Cure* by Albert Huffstickler

**Hymn #123** “Spirit of Life”

**Brief Bio**

**Family Members Speak**

**Hymn #311** “Let It Be a Dance”

**Stories Shared by the Gathered**

**Hymn #1064** “Blue Boat Home”

**Closing Words** Written by Joel Miller

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

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

Invitation to Refreshments in the Social Hall

**Postlude** Chuck Miller



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### Opening Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

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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### Hymn #311 “Let It Be a Dance”

(Chorus)

Let it be a dance we do.  
May I have this dance with you?  
Through the good times and the bad times, too,  
let it be a dance.

Let a dancing song be heard.  
Play the music, say the words,  
and fill the sky with sailing birds.  
Let it be a dance.  
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.  
Learn to follow, learn to lead,  
feel the rhythm, fill the need  
to reap the harvest, plant the seed.  
Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Everybody turn and spin,  
let your body learn to bend,  
and, like a willow with the wind,  
let it be a dance.  
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.  
A child is born, the old must die;  
a time for joy, a time to cry.  
Take it as it passes by.  
Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

Morning star comes out at night,  
without the dark there is no light.  
If nothing’s wrong, then nothing’s right.  
Let it be a dance.  
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.  
Let the sun shine, let it rain;  
share the laughter, bear\* the pain,  
and round and round we go again.  
Let it be a dance.



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### Closing 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.