



## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – October 9, 2022

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**Sermon:**

***“Blue Boat Home”***  
**Rev. 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.

**Welcome:**

Sue Hand

**Tingsha**

**Prelude:**

*Please welcome Cheryl Brown, guest musician for today’s service.*

**Call to Worship:**

“Witnesses of the World”  
By Tania Marquez

**Chalice Lighting:**

“There is Light”  
By Eric Williams

In the beginning  
There was light  
Infinite and expansive  
Flowing out from an unseen center.

Throughout Creation  
There is light  
From the steady Sun  
The glowing Moon  
The flashing Meteor  
The twinkling Stars  
And the auroras dancing in the northern skies.

Within each part of Creation  
There is light  
Slowed down and held close  
By every cell and molecule  
By each atom and element.

Within you  
There is light  
The same light as the Source



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The same radiance that is in all creatures.  
May this small flame  
Be a constant reminder to you  
Of your true nature  
And your kinship with all beings.

<b>Opening Hymn #1064:</b>	“Blue Boat Home”
<b>Time for All Ages:</b>	Rev. Amy Kindred
<b>Joys and Sorrows:</b>	Rev. Amy Kindred
<b>Musical Response Hymn #123:</b>	“Spirit of Life”
<b>Offering:</b>	Sue Hand

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<b>Interlude:</b>	Cheryl Brown, guest musician
<b>Sermon:</b>	“Blue Boat Home” Rev. Amy Kindred
<b>Closing Hymn #318:</b>	“We Would Be One”
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice:</b>	

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

### Our Grateful Thanks:

**Worship Associates:** Sue Hand; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick; **Zoom Host:** Trude Diamond; **Guest Musician:** Cheryl Brown; **Staff:** Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Rev. Amy Kindred, Developmental Minister; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Lauren Logan, Bruce Gotts



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**Flowers for Sunday Services**



*The flowers this morning are in celebration of Barbara and Mark's 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 30, 1972.*

If you would like to supply the flowers for an upcoming Sunday service in honor of a special event or person in your life, please email Ana " Soledad " Vaquer at [soledad.loba1@gmail.com](mailto:soledad.loba1@gmail.com) She will help you coordinate your contribution.



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### Opening 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.

### Musical Response Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Spirit of Life, come unto us.  
Sing in our hearts 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 us close; wings set us free;  
Spirit of Life, come to us, come to us.

### 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.