



## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – August 22, 2021

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**Message:** “In Honor of Science and Statistics” **Meredith Olson**

**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:** **Mike Kahn**

**Prelude:** “Rhapsody in B minor” Op. 79 No. 1 **Johannes Brahms**  
Performed by Muriel Nguyen Xuan

**Call to Worship:** “Come, Let Us Worship Together,” by Lindsay Bates

**Chalice Lighting:** “Reminder of the Inner Light,” by Gregory David Miller

This fire is a reminder of the light within us all;  
the yearning for freedom,  
the longing for truth,  
the flame of intuition,  
the torch of conscience.

We dedicate this service to the remembrance of this Holy Light.

**Opening Hymn:** Hymn #357 “Bright Morning Star” **Performed by Mark David Buckles**

**Time for All Ages:** “Our Place in the Cosmos,” by Erika Hewitt **Read by Meredith Olson**

**Joys and Sorrows:** Hymn #157 “Step by Step the Longest March”  
Irish folk song adapted and arranged by Waldemar Hille  
**Performed by Dave Rowe and Stacey Guth**

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

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

**Musical Interlude:** “My Roots Go Down” **Written by Sarah Pirtle**  
**Performed by Kara Shobe and Rev. Christopher Lamb**

**Reading:** “Part as Parcel” **by Mark L. Belletini**

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**Bridging Ceremony:** Honoring Billie Duncan & Charlie Alderman



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**Closing Hymn:**

Hymn #1064 “Blue Boat Home”

Written by Peter Mayer

Performed by the UU Church of the Palouse, Moscow, Idaho

**Extinguishing the Chalice:**

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

### Our Grateful Thanks:

**Worship Associate:** Mike Kahn; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow; **Staff:** Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Office Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Religious Enrichment; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Bridging Youth:** Charlie Alderman, Billie Duncan

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### **Opening Hymn: Hymn #357 “Bright Morning Stars”**

Bright morning stars are rising.

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Day is a-breaking in my soul.

Oh, where are our dear mothers...

They are sowing seeds of gladness...

Oh, where are our dear fathers...

They are in the fields a-plowing...

### **Joys and Sorrows: Hymn #157 “Step by Step the Longest March”**

Step by step the longest march can be won, can be won.

Many stones can form an arch, singly none, singly none.

And by union, what we will can be accomplished still;  
drops of water turn a mill, singly none, singly none.

### **Closing Hymn: 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.