

Rev. Roberta

#### Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – October 17, 2021

"The Work of Welcome" Rev. Roberta Message: 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: Michael Kahn **Tingsha** Prelude: "We Shine" Written and performed by James Underberg Call to Worship: "A Place of Belonging and Caring" by Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson **Chalice Lighting:** "The Promise and the Practice" by Rebecca Savage We light our flaming chalice as a beloved people united in love and thirsting for restorative justice. May it melt away the tethers that uphold whiteness in our midst. May it spark in us a spirit of humility. May it ignite in us radical love that transforms our energy into purposeful action. This a chalice of audacious hope. This chalice shines a light on our shared past, signaling our intention to listen deeply, reflect wisely, and move boldly toward our highest ideals. Hymn #188 "Come, Come, Whoever You Are" **Opening Hymn:** Performed by Jess Heutteman Time for All Ages: "Something on My Face: Learning How to Be in Community" by Karen Johnston

**Joys and Sorrows:** 



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Musical Response: "From You, I Receive"

Offering Message: Michael Kahn

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Musical Interlude "We Shall be known by the Company We Keep"

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Closing Hymn:

Hymn #311 "Let It Be a Dance"

Performed by Paul Thompson

**Extinguishing the Chalice:** 

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

## **Our Grateful Thanks:**

Worship Associate: Michael Kahn; Service Technical Support: Jeremy Dillow; Music: Culver Casson, Soprano; Staff: Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Office Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Lifelong Learning; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian Pastoral Associates: Kathy Krohn, Susan Hegner, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley

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### Opening Hymn: #188 "Come, Come, Whoever You Are"

Come, come, whoever you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.

## Closing 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)



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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.