

## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – September 26, 2021

"The Spirituality of Autumn" 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: Sue Boone **Tingsha** Prelude: "Make New Friends But Keep the Old" Traditional Girl Scout song, performed by Gina Welch Call to Worship: Margaret Weiss, adapted **Chalice Lighting:** By Leia Durland-Jones As we light this flame, we remember friends and loved ones near and far and we give thanks. As the fire burns brightly, we open our minds and hearts to new ways of being and we feel alive. As the room glows with warmth and kindness, we extend our circle ever wider to welcome those who want to come in, and we know love. **Opening Hymn:** Hymn #38 "Morning Has Broken" Performed by Cat Stevens Meredith Olson Time for All Ages: **New Member Welcome Ceremony:** Rev. Roberta, Sandy Hoover (Membership Co-Chair) New Members: Iris Memmer and Natasha Cruz-Knopf **Joys and Sorrows:** Rev. Roberta **Musical Response:** Hymn #352 "Find a Stillness" Sung by Culver Casson Sue Boone Offering Message:

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Musical Interlude "Planting Seeds: A Song of Life"

Empty Hands Music, featuring Daniel Nahmod

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Closing Hymn: Hymn #52 "In Sweet Fields of Autumn"

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**Extinguishing the Chalice:** 

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

### **Our Grateful Thanks:**

Worship Associate: Sue Boone; 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, Sally Otto

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#### Opening Hymn #38 "Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

#### **Closing Hymn #52 "In Sweet Fields of Autumn"**

In sweet fields of autumn the gold grain is falling, the white clouds drift lonely, the wild swan is calling. Alas for the daisies, the tall fern and grasses, when wind-sweep and rainfall fill lowlands and passes.

The snows of December shall fill windy hollow; the bleak rain trails after, the March wind shall follow. The deer through the valleys leave print of their going; and diamonds of sleet mark the ridges of snowing.

The stillness of death shall stoop over the water, the plover sweep low where the pale streamlets falter; but deep in the earth clod the black seed is living; when spring sounds her bugles for rousing and giving.