



*Honoring Mary Oliver:  
UU Patron Poet*



*25 June 2023  
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# **Mary Oliver: UU Patron Poet**

Order of Service

June 25, 2023

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Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

—Mary Oliver

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Blessing and Sending Our Youth

Colleen Thoele  
Director of Religious Education

Welcome

Chime

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

by Mary Oliver

Instructions for living a life.  
Pay attention.  
Be astonished.  
Tell about it.

Opening Hymn

*#326 Let All the Beauty We Have Known*  
Katie Grigg-Miller, Song Leader  
Vanessa Vesely, UUCK Accompanist

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer

Music Meditation

Sharing our joys, wonder, and awe

Hymn of Community

*#395 Sing and Rejoice*

## **Reflecting**

Poems Part I

Sermon Part I

Reflection Hymn

*#18 What Wondrous Love*

Poems Part II

Sermon Part II

## **Returning**

Offering

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. May we carry these in our hearts and minds until we are together again.

Closing Hymn

*#1064 Blue Boat Home*

Benediction



*Sunday, July 2, 2023  
Squirmy Patriotism  
Led by Elaine Bowen*

*Calendar for June 25<sup>th</sup>- July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023*

- Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> Service at 10 am, Hobbs Hall  
Budget Information Meeting at 11 am,  
Hobbs Hall  
Summer Hogwarts, Hobbs Hall and Church*
- Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> Campus Action Rental Team at 6:30 pm,  
Hobbs Hall*
- Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> Knitting and Crocheting at 4:30 pm, Fessenden Hall  
Board meeting at 7 pm, Fessenden Hall*
- Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Service at 10 am, Hobbs Hall  
Congregational Meeting at 11 am, Hobbs Hall  
Community meal at 4:45 pm, Hobbs Hall*

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## Let All the Beauty We Have Known

Let all the beauty we have known  
illuminate our hearts and minds.  
Rejoice in wonders daily shown,  
in faith and joy, and love that binds.

We celebrate with singing hearts  
the loveliness of sky and earth,  
the inspiration of the arts,  
the miracle of ev'ry birth.

Life's music and its poetry  
surround and bless us through our days.  
For these we sing in harmony,  
together giving thanks and praise.

### Sing and Rejoice

Sing and rejoice.  
Sing and rejoice.  
Let all things living now  
sing and rejoice.

### What Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss,  
and takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul,  
and takes away the pain of my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground,  
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul, O my soul,  
friends to me gather'd round, O my soul.

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing,  
to love and to all friends I will sing.  
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend,  
with thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing,  
with thanks unto the end I will sing.

## 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 upholding me,  
hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me,  
sing the sky my sailor's song;  
I was born upon 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.