

# River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

## Love-stream Worship!

August 16, 2020 – 10:30 am

### *Marjory Stoneman Douglas*

Beloved River of Grass Friends and Family,

Are you really wishing to take a trip again? Please join us this Sunday as we visit the Everglades through the words of Marjory Stoneman Douglas. We will explore the majesty and importance of THE River of Grass and reflect on how our congregation, also called River of Grass, compares in its complexity, diversity And harmony.

Come as you are to gather with us for this Sunday's love-streamed service, remembering only the medium is virtual; the connections, the love, the spirit are real. Following the service, we will share virtual Hospitality time with a live chat and small groups where we can relish each other's beautiful faces and voices together once again.

If you need some support getting settled after logging into our Worship Zoom Meeting, we will have folx "in the room" at 10:00 to help. Then, as we always do, at 10:30, we will ring the chimes and gather in spirit if not in body, then follow our service with Virtual Hospitality, greeting one another right there in our Zoom screen.

Gather with us from your computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone with video and audio or just audio; or audio only from a basic phone at the connections below -- this information also at [riverofgrassuu.org](http://riverofgrassuu.org):

#### **Topic: Worship August 16, 2020**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Meeting ID: 961 564 350

Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9>

We'll be watching for you, and happier than ever to see you!

Service and Social Justice Green Team

# **Marjory Stoneman Douglas**

**River of Grass – August 16, 2020**

## **Order of Service**

**Settle-in Time**

**Oh, Let Us Gather**

**Opening Words**

**Welcome**

**Song** – “There’s a River Flowin’ in my Soul”

**Chalice Lighting**

*Recognizing the beauty around us and within us, in voice and spirit,  
we gather to light our chalice.*

*May we savor the beauty of our abundance and diversity,  
always cherishing one another and our earth.*

*May we remember to inhale the lushness in life  
knowing that we are a people of beauty. (Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson)*

**Covenant**

*Love is the spirit of this congregation and service is its law.*

*This is our great covenant:*

*to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.*

*El Amor es el espíritu de esta congregación,  
y el servicio su ley principal.*

*Esta es nuestra gran promesa:*

*vivir juntos en paz, buscar la verdad a través del amor,  
y ayudarnos mutuamente.*

**Song** – “Morning Has Broken”

**Candles of Community**

**Response**

**Wisdom Story** – “Welcome to the River of Grass” By Jane Yolen, Illustrated by Laura Regan, Read by Diane Diaz

**Message** – “Marjory Stoneman Douglas”

**Song** – “Mother I Feel You”

**Offering Hymn** – “Open My Heart”

**Offering** – Give digitally and via text: <https://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

**Extinguish Chalice**

**Carry the Flame**

**Hospitality Connection**