

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

December 13, 2020 – 10:30 am

Rising from Stillness

The brokenness of the world calls to us, and in our continuing desire to work for social justice stillness may seem like the antithesis of what we need to move forward. Maybe you feel like you're in the waiting room of life right now in these difficult, demanding times. But maybe you're actually being prepared for a launch into something more. Our guest speaker this Sunday, Dr. Kitty Oliver, continues our theme for December with her talk entitled "Rising from Stillness." She is a noted race and ethnic relations author, oral historian, TV and radio producer, and performer, and also a familiar face at River of Grass with her husband Art Musson. Dr. Oliver has received national media attention for her Race and Change work collecting and sharing race and ethnic relations stories across cultures and generations for the historical archives and in public programs. Her work has been featured on CNN and PBS and she has taken her presentations to a wide range of audiences nationally, including UU congregations. She continues to build bridges across cultures with hopeful dialogues, virtually, and we can look forward to an inspiring, entertaining message in words and music.

Gather with us this Sunday to breathe, to bear witness to and with one another, to rest and reflect and restore ourselves for the days to come, assured that love always wins -- when we make it so. 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:

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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!

Dr. Kitty Oliver

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Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Opening Words

Reading

Theme Hymn – “Meditation on Breathing” Words & Music: Sarah Dan Jones

Chalice Lighting

*We gather this hour as people of faith
With joys and sorrows,
Gifts and needs.
We light this beacon of hope,
Sign of our quest for truth and meaning,
In celebration of the life we share together. (Christine Robinson)*

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.*

Music Hymn – “Mighty World” Words & Music: Kitty Oliver

Candles of Community

Response

Thank You!

GAYT – [UUSC.org](https://uusc.org) River of Grass UU Congregation: 3019

Offering Hymn – “What’s Going On” Words & Music: Marvin Gaye

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

Wisdom Story – “Let The Children March” by: Monica Clark-Robinson; read by: Rita Cherubini

Message – “Rising from Stillness” – Dr. Kitty Oliver

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection