

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

December 20, 2020 – 10:30 am

Deck the Halls: Pageant Sunday

What better way could there be to celebrate the Winter Solstice than a Virtual Youth Pageant of *The Snow Tree*, by Caroline Repchuk, with their own virtual choir singing “Deck the Halls!” Be part of the magic this Sunday morning at 10:30 to discover all the colors of this season with our young’uns!

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!

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Opening Words

Reading

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

Chalice Lighting

For a world so much in shadow

We kindle this flame

For life born anew

On the earth

And in our hearts

For this is the Season of Light. (Webb)

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 – “Dark of Winter” Words and Music: Shelly Jackson Denham; Performed by: Rev. Dr. Cathy

Ryan Starr, cello; Vocal by: Rev. Sofia Betancourt

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Thank You!

GAYT – uus.org (River of Grass ID: 3019)

Offering Hymn – “A River Flows in You” by: Yiruma; piano: Brenda Parker

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

Wisdom Story – “Oak King vs Holly King the Bi-Annual Battle of the Ages Saga” by: Rob Traquair;

Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Music Meditation – “The Earth, Air, Fire, Water” Words and Music: traditional chant; Performed by: Rev.

Amy Carol Webb

Message – “The Snow Tree: A Winter Solstice Youth Pageant” – Faith Development Youth

Hymn – “Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly” Words: traditional Welsh; Music: Old Welsh carol; Solo -

Miel; youth zoom chorus – Alayna, Alex, Alessandria, Clara, Eleanor, Emma, Emme, Clara, Everett, Katie;
piano, Brenda Parker

Extinguish Chalice – Alex Ngo

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection