

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship! – July 5, 2020 – 10:30 am

It's 1856 All Over Again!

Beloved River of Grass Friends and Family,

We are living in such a chaotic world. We are having to deal with multiple issues and stressors. Between the stress of isolation, stress of the many, many injustices in the world, financial and income loss, the physical separation of family and friends, and the concern about COVID 19.

This Sunday, on July 5, we'll talk about the most unusual July 4th we've ever observed, and what it means to be an American. Although we've never had a president like Donald Trump, it turns out that a previous election year held some eerie similarities. Join us for "It's 1856 All Over Again".

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 folk "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 www.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!

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Order of Service

Settle-in Time

Oh, Let Us Gather

Opening Words

Welcome

Hymn – “Circle Round for Freedom”

Chalice Lighting

At times our own light goes out

and is rekindled by a spark from another person.

Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude

of those who have lighted the flame within us.

(Albert Schweitzer, Reading #447, Singing the Living Tradition)

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 – “America, the Beautiful”

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Wisdom Story – “the Word Collector”

Message – “It's 1856 All Over Again”

Music – “We Shall Overcome”

Offering Hymn – “Open My Heart”

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

Extinguish Chalice

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connections