River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation Love-stream Worship! February 7, 2021 – 10:30 am

Draw the Circle Wide: Becoming Beloved Community - Bending the Arc 4

Unitarian Universalists are called to build the Beloved Community. Yes! That sounds wonderful! But what is the Beloved Community? What does it ask of us? Who is part of it? Have we drawn our circle wide enough? How do we draw it wider? So often, when we find Unitarian Universalism and this community we gather here at River of Grass, we feel so deeply relieved, and comforted, and enlivened, and amazed to find a place that welcomes us as we are. But is it enough that we have found it? Are we not charged in turn to draw the circle beyond ourselves? This Sunday, come into this circle of love -- and help to draw it wider still!

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.

Follow the link below to join us in Zoom – or if you'd like, we'll be simulcasting on our Facebook page. Tune in there for the service, then log onto our Zoom link for hospitality time afterward. And now that we have a larger Zoom space ready to welcome all who will join us from over this world – who will we meet this week?

Sunday morning, gather with us at the River – on your computer, your tablet, your phone (with video or only audio if you like, we'll miss your face!) -- just click or dial into our River of Grass Meeting Room at the link or numbers below. We'll be watching for you!

Topic: Worship February 7, 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!

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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River of Grass – February 7, 2020 Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading

Theme Hymn – "Meditation on Breathing" Words & Music: Sarah Dan Jones; Arranged: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice today With the very gladness of our hearts To gather again in this River of Life To be made whole and holy In the power and promise of Beloved Community. (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. **Hymn** – "Draw the Circle Wide" Words: Gordon Light; Music: Mark A. Miller

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Thank You!

February Birthdays!

Offering Hymn – "Open My Heart" Words & Music: Henry S. Flurry; Gayle Giese, piano

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

Wisdom Story – "Rainbow Fish to the Rescue" Written by: Marcus Pfister; read by: Audrey Stang

Music Meditation – "When the World Is Sick" Words & Music: A Silver Mt. Zion; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Message – Draw the Circle Wide: Becoming Beloved Community - Bending the Arc 4 – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music – "Love is the Water" Music & Words: Pat Wictor

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection