

# River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

May 2, 2021 – 10:30 am

## Telling Our Stories

Rev. Darrick Jackson will be our guest speaker on Sunday, May 2nd. He will be highlighting our monthly theme in his Message, "Telling Our Stories". "We are a people of story. The stories we tell shape how we see ourselves and the world. So what happens if we change our stories?" The Rev. Darrick Jackson is the Director of Ministries for Lifelong Learning of UU Ministers Association and an Affiliated Community Minister with Second Unitarian Church of Chicago. He is one of the authors in the book "Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity and Power in Ministry." Darrick is active in DRUUMM (Diverse & Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries), the UU ministry for people of color. He is also the treasurer and Workshop Leader for Healing Moments (a ministry for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's). In his free time, Darrick likes to knit and be involved in theatre. He is married to James Olson, a United Church of Christ minister, and lives with their two cats, Merlin and Morgana.

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 May 2, 2021

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!

# Telling Our Stories

## Oh, Let Us Gather

### Welcome

**Reading** – “The Stories We Tell” by: Chris Bateman

**Theme Hymn** – “For All That Is Our Life” (vs. 1 & 3) Words: Bruce Findlow; Music: Patrick Rickey;  
Performed by: Gayle Giese and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

### 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.

### 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** – “Lone Wild Bird” Words: H. R. MacFayden; Music: William Walker's Southern Harmony; Performed  
by: River of Grass Virtual Choir

### Candles of Community

### Response

### Thank You!

**Offering Hymn** – “Dreme Negrito” By: Ernesto Grenet, Based on a Cuban folk melody; Performed by:  
Aaron Stang

**Offering Music** – “Come Together” Words & Music: John Lennon & Paul McCartney; Performed by: Aaron  
Stang; Give digitally and via text: <https://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

**Wisdom Story** – “Giraffes Can't Dance” by: Giles Andreae and Guy Parker Rees

**Music Meditation** – “Wichita Lineman” by: Jimmy Webb; Performed by: Aaron Stang

**Message** – “Telling Our Stories” - Rev. Darrick Jackson

**Closing Music** – “Draw The Circle Wide” Words: Gordon Light; Music: Mark A. Miller; Performed by:  
River of Grass Virtual Choir

### Extinguish Chalice

### Closing Words

### Carry the Flame

### Hospitality Connection