### **River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

Love-stream Worship! May 23, 2021 – 10:30 am

# Changing the Story: or To Be What We Might Have Been

This Sunday at River of Grass, we'll dig into a declaration of the 19th century novelist and poet known as George Eliot -- the pen name of Unitarian, Mary Ann Evans:

It's never too late to be what you might have been.

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 23, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <a href="https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9">https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9</a>

We'll be watching for you, and happier than ever to see you!

Rev. Amy

## Changing the Story: or To Be What We Might Have Been

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading

Welcome

**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 tender this flame, opening the book,

turning to a page yet to be written.

Opening a story yet to be told.

May we fill this fresh page wisely.

May we write a new story into being.

May we together inscribe the page with hope. (Rev. Dr. David Breeden)

#### 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** – "We Are Building a New Way" Words & Music: Martha Sandefer; Performed by: Brenda Parker, Rev. Amy Carol Webb

#### **Candles of Community**

#### **Pastoral Response**

Thank You!

Offering Hymn - "A River Flows in You" Words & Music: Yiruma; Performed by: Brenda Parker

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Wisdom Story – Read by Diane Lade

**Music Meditation** – "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" Words & Music: Robert Lowry; Performed by: RoG Virtual Choir

Message – "Changing the Story: or To Be What We Might Have Been" - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

**Closing Music** – "Olam Chesed Yibaneh" Words & Music: Rabbi Menachem Creditor; Performed by: River of Grass Voices

#### **Extinguish Chalice**

**Hospitality Connection**