

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

May 30, 2021 – 10:30 am

River of Grass: A Fortunate Story

This Sunday, we'll hear the story of River of Grass and be reminded that we are strong, resilient, and kind. We'll be blessed with special music that includes our families and little ones. As the story of this past year continues to unfold, we'll show that we're ready for joy to come back!

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 30, 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!

Rev. Amy Carol Webb and
Director of Faith Development, Karen Gonzalez

River of Grass: A Fortunate Story

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading – shared by the River 2020-21 teaching staff

Prelude – “Enter, Rejoice and Come In” performed by the River Kids Kazoo Choir and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Chalice Lighting

Let there be light

The light of joy, the light of happiness, and the light of contentment
May it illuminate our paths and fill our lives with peace

And let there be dark

For it is from our dark places that we are brought forward
Tried and tested

And impelled toward growth

It is in these places that we realize compassion and learn to love

And there was day and there was night.

And there was joy and there was sorrow.

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

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Thank You!

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

Wisdom Story – “The Broken Story Story” by Rev. Christina Leone-Tracy, told by Karen Gonzalez

Music – “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” Words: Rumi, Music: Rev. Lynn Ungar, Introduction: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Message – “River of Grass: A Fortunate Story” - Karen Gonzalez and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music – “Joy Comes Back” Words & Music: Ruthie Foster; performed by Aaron Stang, Louisa Wimberger and Rev. Amy; video elements by our River Families

Extinguish Chalice and Hospitality Connection