

River of Grass UU Congregation

August 1, 2021 – 10:30 am

"Nature; the heart of our 7th principle"

Come join us as we continue the Summer Series of River of Grass Classics. As Rev. Amy is away for rest and renewal during the summer months, we have five more Sundays to explore some old and new services...some lay-led, some from Rev. Amy and, yes, there will be an opportunity for us to join another congregation. The final visit will be to the Unitarian Society of New Brunswick on Aug 22nd. A full schedule is on the [River of Grass website](#).

Rob and Deb Giblin-Davis presented this reflection on August 30, 2020 on the precious 7th principle. Please come and join us this Sunday as we reconnect to nature with stories of how our lives and fates are inextricably intertwined with all living things, whether through churning hearts or other shared biological processes. Nature is at the heart of our 7th principle which respects the interdependent web of all existence of which we are just a part.

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 August 1, 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>

Rita Cherubini, Worship Chair

Summer Worship Series at River of Grass

Date	Time (EST)	Service
6/20	10:30AM	Kitty Oliver: "Rising In Stillness"
6/27	10:30AM	Rev Amy Carol Webb: "How Heavy The Stone"
7/4	11:00AM	UU Congregation of Atlanta*
7/11	10:30AM	UUA General Assembly: "Until Love Wins"
7/18	10:30AM	Rev Amy Carol Webb: "Great Turning"
7/25	10:30AM	UU Church of Silver Spring**
8/1	10:30AM	Rob & Deb Giblin-Davis: "Nature - The Heart of Our 7th Principle"
8/8	10:30AM	Wild Pines Covenant Group
8/15	10:30AM	Rev Amy Carol Webb: "Show Me Your Mug"
8/22	10:30AM	Unitarian Society of New Brunswick***
8/29	10:30AM	Amy Horton-Tavera: "On Finding The New - Again"

Important Access Information:

*UU Congregation of Atlanta.

**UU Church of Silver Spring.

***Unitarian Society of New Brunswick: Be sure to sign into the [Zoom Room](#) by 10:15am to fill out a brief security form before services.

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Introduction to Summer Series

Oh, Let Us Gather

August Birthdays!

Opening Words

Welcome

Song – "Spirit of Life" Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

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)*

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 es su ley principal.
Esta es nuestra gran promesa:
vivir juntos en paz, buscar la verdad a través del amor, y ayudarnos mutuamente.*

Song – "Large Circle/The Circle Game"

Candles of Community

Response

Wisdom Story – "Everything You Have Ever Wanted to Know About Animal Farts" - Great Big Story

By Dani Rabiotti, From the book: "Does It Fart? The Definitive Guide to Animal Flatulence."

Message – "Nature; the heart of our 7th principle"

Song – "Blue Boat Home"

Offering Hymn – "Open My Heart"

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

Extinguish Chalice

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection