

River of Grass UU Congregation

August 8, 2021 – 10:30 am

Wildpines Covenant Group

Dear Ones -- During this Sunday's service and hospitality gathering, we will share moments of remembrance to honor our beloved pianist, member, and friend, Brenda Parker -- on zoom (service and hospitality gathering) or facebook live (service only). Please know that Brenda's sister, Nithila, has arrived to be with our precious Rani as we keep them surrounded with care. Rani sends deep gratitude for her River of Grass family in this time of profound loss, and hopes to join us on zoom this Sunday if she is able.

Come join us this Sunday as we explore a different side of meditation, and how we can open ourselves to being mindful by letting go of expectations. The Wildpines Covenant group is presenting a Midsummer Meditation service, inspired by the title of one of mindfulness advocate Jon Kabat-Zinn's best known books: "Meditation Is Not What You Think."

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 four 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](#).

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 8, 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

Opening Words

Welcome

Song – “Simple Gifts” Words: Joseph Bracket; Music: American Shaker tune; Performed by: River of Grass Virtual Choir

Chalice Lighting

*Acquainted once more with darkness we learn again, We are light.
Feeling our way once more though shadows of change we learn again, We are light.
Finding ourselves once more in the comfort and power of community we learn again, We are light.
Understanding once more that without the darkness there can be no dawn,
Without change there can be no new way,
Without one another we forget,
We are light. We are light. We are light.*

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 – “Imagine” Words & Music: John Lennon; Arranged and Performed by: Aaron Stang

Offering Hymn – “Open My Heart” Words & Music: Henry S. Flurry

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

Candles of Community

Remembrance

Response

Wisdom Story – “I am Peace” - Story by: Susan Verde; Read by: Diane Diaz

Song – “Gracias a la Vida” Music & Words: Violeta Parra; Performed by: Aaron Stang, guitar; Linda Lathroum, vocals

MidSummer Meditation

Hymn – “Dona Nobis Pacem” Words: Traditional Latin; Music: Traditional canon

Homily One – “My Monologues with God” Written & Read by: Bev Kaufman

Homily Two – “I Am Doing It Wrong!” Written & Read by: Diane Lade

Closing Music – “Meditation on Breathing” Words & Music: Sarah Dan Jones; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Extinguish Chalice

Carry the Flame and Hospitality Connection