

River of Grass UU Congregation
September 5, 2021 – 10:30 am

Labors of Love
Blessings on the New Congregational Year

As we gather to mark the start of our New Congregation Year 2021-2022, we'll celebrate the Labors of Love that sustain and sweeten our lives as Beloved Community at River of Grass, bless our Faith Development Teachers for this year, bless our kids' school backpacks, and bless the very devices we count on to keep us connected and companioned through the pandemic and paradigm shift we continue to navigate together.

Join us as you are from wherever you are in Zoom or on FaceBook live, as we begin again to Chart the Shape of the River in these changing times in both our service, and Hospitality in zoom following the service (if you tune in on Facebook, c'mon over after to Hospitality at the link below!). We can't wait to see you!

Topic: Worship September 5, 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

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Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Opening Words

Welcome

Theme Song – “Spirit of Life” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

Chalice Lighting

For the honor of all

whose labor turns the wheels of life in our world --

For the remembrance of all

whose lifework made way for our own --

In solidarity with all whose load

is yet too heavy to bear alone --

We light this sacred flame. (Webb)

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.

Song – “Step by Step the Longest March” Words: Anonymous; Music: Irish folk song

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Thank You!

September Birthdays

Offering Song – “Wichita Lineman” Words & Music: Jimmy Webb; Arranged and Performed by: Aaron Stang

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

Teacher Blessing

Wisdom Story – “The Invisible String” Written by: Patrice Karst; Illustrated by: Joanne Lew-Vriethoff;

Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Backpack Blessing

Blessing of the Devices

Message – “Labors of Love” - Rev. Amy Carol Webb and Karen Gonzalez

Song – “Keep Going Song” By: The Bengsons; Adapted for choir by: Sari Breznau; With gratitude to the Plymouth Soul Choir

Extinguish Chalice

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection