

River of Grass UU Congregation

February 20, 2022 – 10:30 am

Just the Way You Are: At the Intersections of LGBTQ+/Gender Justice 6th in our 2022 Bending the Arc Series on Intersectional Justice

*I'm beautiful in my way 'cause God makes no mistakes
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way
Don't hide yourself in regret, just love yourself, and you're set
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way – Lady Gaga*

In an era when dignity, Love, and, equity for all bodies, all sexual orientations, all gender identities and expressions have seen so many gains – and yet now face too many risks proving such progress is not guaranteed -- how do we work at the intersections of LGBTQ+/Gender Justice that the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness be assured for all.

One place we can begin is with knowing and loving our own holy human bodies as they are, celebrating the universe of sex and gender they express, and the myriad ways they love and connect one with another. We used to think these things ran left to right or up to down on a binary linear continuum. We know better now. Join us to explore more – just the way you are.

Come as you are to gather with us in our 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 at <https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>. Tune in there for the service, then log onto our Zoom link for hospitality time afterward.

We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... See you then!

Topic: Worship February 20, 2022

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>

See you then!

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Gender Justice: Just the Way You Are (Bending the Arc 6)

River of Grass – February 20, 2022 – Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading / Call to Worship

Theme Hymn – “Draw the Circle Wide” Words: Gordon Light; Music: Mark A. Miller; Performed by: River of Grass Virtual Choir

Chalice Lighting

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.

Music Hymn – “We Would Be The One” Words & Music: Samuel A. Wright; Performed by: Brenda Parker, and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

8th Principle Testimony

Announcements

Thank You

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

Offering Hymn – “A River Flows In You” Words & Music: Yiruma; Performed by: Brenda Parker

Wisdom Story – “Let’s Talk About Gender ” by CBC Kids News

Music Meditation – “We Are A Gentle Angry People” Words & Music: Holly Near; Performed by: Gayle Giese

Message Part 1 – Just the Way You Are – Part 1 - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Message Part 2 – Meditation on Body Wholeness - Rev. Dayna Edwards, Assistant Minister, Cedar Lane UU Church, Bethesda, MD

Message Part 3 – Just the Way You Are – Part 2 - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music – “Velocity of Love (PRIDE version)” Words & Music: Suzanne Ciani; Performed by: Brenda Parker

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection