

River of Grass UU Congregation

April 24, 2022 – 10:30 am

A Seed Knows How to Wait: Earth Day 2022!

A seed knows how to wait. Each beginning is the end of a waiting

-Hope Jahren (geochemist/geobiologist, University of Oslo, Norway)

We continue with our April theme of Awakening in this holy season of rebirth and renewal, we celebrate Earth Day 2022 in Beloved Community at River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Here at the threshold of a new beginning of our own after a long liminal time of great uncertainty and change, sometimes feeling the Earth Herself shift beneath our feet, what seeds have been waiting within us – as individuals, as congregation, as community? What new days await their unfolding among us and around us in a world forever altered. How are we called to stretch into new ways of being? Gather with us this Sunday to explore!

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 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!

We'll be live on Zoom at the link below, as well as on our facebook page.

Virtually at:

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>

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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River of Grass – April 24, 2022 – Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Call to Worship

Theme Hymn – “I Know This Rose Will Open” Words & Music: Mary E. Grigolia; Performed by: Renato deMoraes

Chalice Lighting

*We light this sacred flame on this day
for the fire that burns at the center of our earth,
for the fire that burns in the center of our hearts,
that we and she may be made one,
that we and she may be healed. (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.

Music – “The Earth, The Air, The Fire, The Water, Return” Words & Music: Anonymous; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Announcements

8th Principle

Birthday Video

Offering Music – “Open My Heart” Words & Music: Henry S. Flurry; Performed by: Gayle Giese and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

Wisdom Story – “.” by Diane Lade

Music Meditation – “Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini Op. 43” Music: Rachmaninoff; Performed by: Brenda Parker

Message Part 1 – “A Seed Knows How to Wait” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Music – “Mother I Feel You” by: Windsong Dianne Martin; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Message Part 2 – “A Seed Knows How to Wait” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Music – “Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name” Words & Music: African American Spiritual; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb and Aaron Stang

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame
Hospitality Connection