

River of Grass UU Congregation
May 8, 2022 – 10:30 am

Mama's Day

Mother's Day is special for not only mamas and future mamas, but also for families who use the holiday to honor the caregivers and nurturers of the Black community. While some literally grew up with "surrogate" mothers, all had some level of big sisters, "play" aunties, God-mamas, and cousins to help with the rearing. It often takes more than a village and for this community, those connections tend to run long and deep.

As we look back at the many who helped to raise children, and especially mothers who may have had to play multiple roles and work multiple jobs, to help keep the family afloat, we take this day above all of the others, to celebrate these strong women!

Follow the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live on our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>.

Come as you are – we'll be watching for you! 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.

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>

8th Principle Team

Mama's Day!

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Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Call to Worship

Theme Hymn – “How Could Anyone” Words & Music: Libby Roderick

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.

Mama #1 – “An Open Letter to Black Mothers” Ahysa Boutron

Music – “What a Wonderful World” Words & Music: George David Weiss and Bob Thiel; Playing For Change/Songs Around The World

Candles of Community

Response

8th Principle

Wisdom Story – “Me & Mama” Author & Illustrator: Cozbi A. Cabrera; Read by: Tanya Gustafson, Alex and Aurora

Mama #2 – “Lessons I Never Wanted To Teach” by: Dr. Janice Marie Johnson; Read by: Lilliam Martinez Bustos

Music – “I Still Hear Mama Praying” Words & Music: Chester D. T. Baldwin

Mama #3 – “It Is That Time and That Place” by Qiyamah Rahman; Read by: Jenn Migliori

Offering & Announcements

Closing Music – “More Than Enough” Words & Music: Shawna Edwards and Rebecca Edwards Woolf; Sung by: One Voice Children's Choir

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Mama #4 – “What Did I Do Today?” Author Unknown; Read by: Deb Giblin-Davis

Carrying the Flame

Hospitality Connection