

River of Grass UU Congregation

July 9, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Disability Theology for This Moment

"Like racism, sexism, or homophobia,
ableism is directed at individuals and built into social structures;
it is lived out purposefully, accidentally, and unknowingly."
from A Disability History of the United States by Kim E. Nielsen, p. xvi.

Sunday's worship service focuses on confronting ableism in our society. What is ableism? Ableism can be defined as a form of discrimination which is based on the false idea that disabled people are by default, inferior. When in truth disability is just another way for a mind and/or body to be. Our 8th principle calls to action to dismantle racism and other forms of oppression including ableism. Let us gather to begin dismantling ableism in ourselves and in our world this Sunday!

Come as you are – virtually on Zoom. We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... We'll be watching for you!

Use the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live 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>

Tanya Gustafson

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River of Grass – July 9, 2023 – Order of Service

Welcome – Kathy Jens-Rochow

Call to Worship – “I Ride Bus” by: Rayla D. Mattson; Read by: Tanya Gustafson

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

Chalice Lighting – “The Light for Everyone Who Comes into the World” Written by: Reverend Dr. Elizabeth M Strong;

Read by: Kathy Jens-Rochow

Reverently I offer this symbol of our hope and high intent.

Reverently I bequeath this flame to you.

This is the light that is lit for everyone who comes into the world.

Bear this light to others, one by one.

Let the flame go from life to life till all is lit with its warmth.

Tell that the light means wisdom

Tell that the light means kindness

Tell that the light means understanding

Tell that the light means tolerance

Tell that the light means sacrifice

Tell that the light is a vision of a fairer world.

Tell that this is the light that is lit for everyone who comes into the world.

Covenant – Read by: Kathy Jens-Rochow

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.

Depending Music – “Draw the Circle Wide” Words: Gordon Light; Music: Mark A. Miller

Candles of Community

Response

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

<http://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

Wisdom Story – Read by: Andrew Meit

Responsive Reading – “What the Children of Jowonio Know” Read by: Tanya Gustafson and Kathy Jens-Rochow; from: “Because We Can Change the World: A Practical Guide To Building Cooperative, Inclusive Classroom Communities” by Mara Sapon-Shevin

Message – “Disability Theology for This Moment” by: Rev. Molly Housh Gordon; Tanya Gustafson

Closing Music – “For All That Is Our Life” Words: Bruce Findlow; Music: Patrick Rickey

Announcements

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality