

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship! – July 19, 2020 – 10:30 am

From Grief to Gratitude: Exploring the poetry of Pamela Porter

Beloved River of Grass Friends and Family,

The challenging times we are living through are forcing all of us to look at how circumstances have disconnected us from the comfortable. Many of us are experiencing or have experienced grief over those disconnections. As we utilize technology to connect in new ways, we can shift our perspective to reignite gratitude.

This Sunday Rebecca Rice will be sharing "From Grief to Gratitude"...exploring the poetry of Pamela Porter. Pamela is Rebecca's sister and an award-winning poet who lives in British Columbia on Vancouver Island.

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.

If you need some support getting settled after logging into our Worship Zoom Meeting, we will have folks "in the room" at 10:00 to help. Then, as we always do, at 10:30, we will ring the chimes and gather in spirit if not in body, then follow our service with Virtual Hospitality, greeting one another right there in our Zoom screen.

Gather with us from your computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone with video and audio or just audio; or audio only from a basic phone at the connections below – this information also at www.riverofgrassuu.org:

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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!

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River of Grass – July 19, 2020 – Order of Service

GATHERING

Settle-in Time
Oh, Let Us Gather
Opening Words
Welcome

CONNECTING

Song – “Circle Round for Freedom”

Chalice Lighting

We seek our place in the world

and the answers to our hearts’ deep questions.

As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers.

*May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community of warmth,
of wisdom, and welcoming of multiple truths. (Julianne Lepp)*

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.*

DEEPENING

Song – “River Flows in You”

July Birthdays

Candles of Community

Response

Wisdom Story – *Jake the Growling Dog* by Samantha Shannon

Message – “From Grief to Gratitude: Exploring the poetry of Pamela Porter”

Offering Hymn – “Open My Heart”

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

SENDING

Extinguish Chalice
Carry the Flame
Hospitality Connection