

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

November 22, 2020 – 10:30 am

Healing in Hard Times: Hunger Communion

Sometimes there is just no waiting for things to get better before we can be better. Sometimes we must begin to heal before we feel ready. But how? This Sunday we'll work on that together as we share our annual Hunger Communion, a time we consider what it means to be hungry in body and in spirit and how we both feed and get fed in this season of harvest and hope -- in hard times. We'll have music written in hard times that came before -- and newly written for these hard times of our own.

Gather with us this Sunday to breathe, to bear witness to and with one another, to rest and reflect and restore ourselves for the days to come, assured that love always wins -- when we make it so.

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 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!

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Opening Words

Reading

Theme Hymn – “I Know This Rose Will Open” Words & Music: Mary E. Grigolia

Chalice Lighting

*We light this flame this day
Prayerful that the gifts we bring
to this one moment of all time
may be instruments of healing
for ourselves, for one another
and for our world. (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.*

Song – “Tis a Gift to Be Simple” Words & Music: traditional Shaker hymn; River of Grass Virtual Choir

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Thank You!

Offering Hymn – “Open My Heart” Words & Music: Henry S. Flurry; flute trio: Renato Demoraes

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

Wisdom Story – Read by: Diane Diaz

Music Meditation – “Hard Times” Words & Music: Stephen Foster;

sung by: Mindy Simmons, Lisa Bohn, and Amy Carol Webb

Message Part 1 – Healing in Hard Times: Hunger ... – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Hunger Communion

Message Part 2 – Healing in Hard Times: Communion ... – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Hymn – “In These Hard Times” Words and Music: Linda Hirschorn

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection