

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

December 6, 2020 – 10:30 am

Find a Stillness: This Season of Waiting

The paradox of this season is how stressful we may find it, how pressed to “hurry up and get ready” for the holidays upon us, at the same time we come into a time of waiting -- each year our Christian beloveds wait for the birth of Jesus, our Jewish beloveds wait to see if the lamp oil will last, our Pagan beloveds wait for the Sun to return, our Buddhist beloveds await new understanding, as every tradition marks the passing of mid-winter in the ways that give meaning to their lives. This year, in the midst of a pandemic running unabated and an economy teetering for some while already collapsed for others and the illness and loss of too many we love, we await so much more. To see what parts of our lives Before can be restored to us, and what can't. To finally get to that moment we can gather as Beloved Community, while we yet endure this weary and painful separation. In this midst of all this, how do we find a moment of sacred stillness? A moment to breathe and bear witness to our own lives and those we love?

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 folx “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 – “Meditation on Breathing” Words & Music: Sarah Dan Jones

Chalice Lighting

For a world so much in shadow

We kindle this flame

For life born anew

On the earth

And in our hearts

For this is the Season of Light. (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 Hymn – “For All That Is Our Life” Words: Bruce Findlow; Music: Patrick L. Rickey

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Thank You!

December Birthdays

Offering Hymn – “A River Flows in You” by: Yiruma; piano: Brenda Parker

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

Wisdom Story – Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Music Meditation – “Find a Stillness” Words: Carl G. Seaburg; Music Transylvanian hymn tune;

arr. Donald Milton III, UUCA touring choir in Székelyudvarhely, Transylvania

Message – “Find a Stillness: This Season of Waiting” – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Hymn – “Reasons for the Season” Words and Music: Amy Carol Webb

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection