

# River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

## Love-stream Worship!

January 3, 2021 – 10:30 am

## Before Behind Betwixt

We tend to consider imagination too lightly, forgetting that the life we make,  
for ourselves individually and for the world as a whole,  
is shaped and limited only by the perimeters of our imagination.

Things are as we imagine them to be, as we imagine them into existence.

- Thomas Moore

On the first Sunday of 2021, in the month named for the Roman god, Janus – the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, and passages – we begin a month exploring what it means for us to be a People of Imagination. Like old Janus, we look before us and behind us all the while in a place profoundly betwixt the two. In a time we truly hold the power to bring a new world into being from the leavings of the old one, what world can we, will we, must we imagine into being? For truly nothing is ever created from nothing, but for imagination leading the way.

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](http://riverofgrassuu.org):

### Topic: Worship January 3, 2020

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

**Before Behind Betwixt**  
**River of Grass – January 3, 2020**  
**Order of Service**

**Oh, Let Us Gather**

**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

**Reading**

**Theme Hymn** – “Gathered Here” Words & Music: by Philip A. Porter; Brenda Parker, piano

**Chalice Lighting**

*Flame of fire, spark of the Universe  
That warmed our ancestral hearth –  
Agent of life and death,  
Symbol of truth and freedom.  
We strive to understand ourselves  
And our earthly home. – Leslie Pohl-Kosbau*

**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** – “Keep on Moving Forward” Words & Music: Emma’s Revolution

**Candles of Community**

**Pastoral Response**

**Thank You!**

**GAYT** – [uusc.org](http://uusc.org) (River of Grass ID: 3019)

**January Birthdays**

**Offering Hymn** – “What’s Going On” Words & Music by: Marvin Gaye; Arranged & Performed by: Aaron Stang

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

**Wisdom Story** – “Where the Wild Things Are” by: Maurice Sendak; read by: Deb Giblin-Davis

**Music Meditation** – “In Between” Words & Music: Amy Carol Webb

**Message** – Before Behind Betwixt – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

**Closing Music** – “Tomorrow” Words & Music: Kate & Justin Miner; Performed by:GA Virtual Choir 2020

**Extinguish Chalice**

**Closing Words**

**Carry the Flame**

**Hospitality Connection**