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River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Davie, FL
Love-stream Worship!
March 14, 2021 – 10:30 am**

LOVED INTO BEING: ADP Kickoff 2021

To help kick-off River of Grass' Annual Pledge Drive for our 2021-2022 congregational year and celebrate the generosity that sustains both our Unitarian Universalist movement and this River of Grass congregation, we bring you this service lovingly created by the UUA Worship Web, entitled "Loved into Being." If ever there was a place "loved into being" it is this one – this Beloved Community at River of Grass. We have integrated an original River of Grass message and song into the UUA's stewardship service to help open our hearts together to continue loving River of Grass and the UUA into being. **And remember it is daylight saving time this Sunday, March 14th, so set your clocks 1 hour ahead so you don't miss us.** A new Aaron Stang original song drops this Sunday, and you will not want to miss it 😊

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.

Follow the link below to join us in Zoom – or if you'd like, we'll be simulcasting on our Facebook page. Tune in there for the service, then log onto our Zoom link for hospitality time afterward. And now that we have a larger Zoom space ready to welcome all who will join us from over this world – who will we meet this week?

Sunday morning, gather with us at the River – on your computer, your tablet, your phone (with video or only audio if you like, we'll miss your face!) -- just click or dial into our River of Grass Meeting Room at the link or numbers below. We'll be watching for you!

Topic: Worship March 14, 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!

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Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Prelude – “Don’t Be Discouraged/Hold On” by Glen Ballard and Chynna Phillips, arr. Trey McLaughlin (©ASCAP/BMI) Sung by the Women’s 8 of All Souls DC: Juliene James, Loyce Pace, Norah Quinn McCormick, Rochelle Rice, A. Tianna Scozarro, Melinda St. Louis, Jennie Wasserman, and Jen Hayman, director and accompanist

Welcome

Chalice Lighting – Rev. Chris Long, Rev. Vail Weller, Jen Hayman, Rev. Erika Hewitt, Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Wisdom Story – “Madam Modifuss,” as told by Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Musical Interlude – “Sometimes I Cry” by Chris Stapleton (©ASCAP/BMI) Shacara Rogers, vocals; John Lee, guitar

Announcements

Candles of Community

Silent Reflection

Pastoral Response

Offering

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

Reading & Reflection – Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons, reflecting on the words of Bernard Loomer

Message – Loved Into Being: APD Kickoff

APD Video

Music – “Rise Up (for Something)” by Andra Day (©ASCAP) Nicole Rumeau, lead vocals; youth soloists; Todd Simon, piano; Romeir Mendez, bass; Dante Pope, drums; and the Loved Into Being virtual choir, directed by Jen Hayman

Sending Forth – Rev. Vail Weller, Rev. Erika Hewitt, Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons, Rev. Chris Long, Jen Hayman, and Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Sending/Shine on

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection

UUA “LOVED INTO BEING” Worship Team

Click through for more complete biographies of our collaborative participants:

- As President of our Unitarian Universalist Association, [Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray](#) (she/her) is responsible for administering staff and programs that serve its more than 1,000 member congregations. She also acts as principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for the UUA.
- [Jen Hayman](#) (she/her) is the Director of Music and Arts at All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, DC.
- [Rev. Erika Hewitt](#) (she/her) serves as the UUA’s Minister of Worship Arts.
- [Rev. Chris Long](#) (he/him) is currently the Assistant Minister at Community Church of New York.
- [Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons](#) (she/her) is a Cuban-American UU minister passionate about liberation and freedom of expression.
- [Rev. Vail Weller](#) (she/her) is the UUA’s Congregational Giving Director, which means she oversees the Annual Program Fund that encourages congregations to support other congregations through covenantal giving to the Association.

Additional Thanks

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- Community Church of New York
- Kit’s Karma Creations
- Ted Resnikoff, UUA editing

[Learn more](#) about theologian Bernard Loomer (1912-1985).

