

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

April 11, 2021 – 10:30 am

Bear Witness: Save Lives

In order to tell our stories, it is vital that we are able to trust that people will be still and bear witness to us, acknowledge and accept what we share. We must be present with one another with an empathy that honors our different life experiences. CB will share about the spiritual practice of bearing witness, and trusting others to bear witness to us as crucial for creating space for us to become more of ourselves.

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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!

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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!

Bear Witness: Save Lives

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading

Theme Hymn – “I Know This Rose Will Open” Words & Music: Mary Grigolia; Performed by: Brenda Parker

Chalice Lighting – These are the words of the 14th century poet Hafiz:

Admit something:

Everyone you see, you say to them,
"Love me."

Of course you do not do this out loud;

Otherwise,

Someone would call the authorities.

Still though, think about this,

This great pull in us To connect.

Why not become the one

Who lives with a full moon in each eye

That is always saying,

With that sweet moon

Language, What every other eye in this world

Is dying to

Hear.

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.

Hymn – “There Are Numerous Strings” Words & Music: Rabindranath Tagore; Performed by: Gayle Giese

Candles of Community

Response

Thank You!

Annual Pledge Drive

Offering Hymn – “Love Is The Water” by Pat Wictor

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

Wisdom Story – “Spork” Written by: Kyo Maclear; Illustrations by: Isabelle Arsenault; Read by: C. B. Beal

Music Meditation – “Forest Green” Music: Traditional English Folk Tune; Performed by: Brenda Parker

Message – Bear Witness: Save Lives – C. B. Beal

Closing Music – “We Are” written and performed by: Dr. Ysaye Barnwell

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection