

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

June 13, 2021 – 10:30 am

Playing for Keeps: The Legacy of Stonewall

aka: It Wasn't A Parade, Y'all

To have any progress toward unequivocal civil equality for every LGBTQ+ citizen of this country we needed a revolution. So we had one. Thanks to a bunch of black queer trans folk who'd had enough of abuse, discrimination, and violence at the hands of police just for daring to be who their truest selves. These Pride parades we so love were hard-won by those who came before, if we're not careful, the equality some today take for granted could be lost faster than you can sing YMCA. And don't you know, those LGBTQ ancestors who gave us Pride found ways to play even in the hardest of times -- and so must we.

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>

~ Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading

Theme Hymn

Chalice Lighting

*Let this dancing light be our guide.
Let it lure us into letting go,
of the worries,
of the stiffness that sets in after all the striving,
of the myth that productivity alone gives us purpose.
This garden of life we've been given
is a playground.
The weeding will wait. (Rev. Scott Tayler)*

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.*

Deepening Hymn – “Love is the Water” words & music: Pat Wictor

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Thank You!

Offering Hymn – “Love Will Guide Us” by Joyce Poley; Brenda Parker, piano

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Wisdom Story – “Stonewall: A Building, An Uprising, A Revolution” by Rob Sanders and Jamey

Christoph, told by Rita Cherubini

Music Meditation – “The Velocity of Love” by Suzanne Ciani; piano, Brenda Parker

Message – “Playing for Keeps” - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music – “Love Is Love Is Love” Words: Abbie Betinis & Music: Pachelbel; performed by the River of Grass Virtual Choir

Extinguish Chalice

Hospitality Connection