

**River of Grass UU Congregation**  
**November 14, 2021 – 10:30 am**

***Church and State***

While Rev. Amy Carol Webb is on Sabbatical, Rev. Sarah Skochko will join us as a visiting guest speaker this Sunday, Nov 7th. Rev. Sarah was born and raised in South Jersey. She attended Meadville Lombard Theological School and now lives in Austin, TX, where she serves as a hospital chaplain.

Her message on Sunday discusses what the official role of churches in society is now. It has changed throughout American history and continues to change. Ostensibly, we are now a nation with a separation of church and state - but as religious people, we occupy both worlds. As people of faith, what relationship should we have to the government of our country?

Please join us on Sunday at 10:30 am or a little before to chat and reconcile our thinking on this delicate balance.

Join us as you are from wherever you are in Zoom or on FaceBook live for both our service, and Hospitality in Zoom following the service. (If you tune in on Facebook, c'mon over to Hospitality at the link below!). We can't wait to see you!

**Topic: Worship November 14, 2021**

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!

Rita Cherubini, Worship Chair

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**Order of Service**

**Oh, Let Us Gather**

**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

**Theme Hymn** – “We Are” Words & Music: Dr. Ysaye Barnwell; Performed by: Dr. Ysaye Barnwell and the GA Choir

**Chalice Lighting**

*We light this flame this day  
Prayerful that the gifts we bring  
to this one moment of all time  
may be instruments of healing  
for ourselves, for one another,  
and for our world. (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** – “Afro-Cuban Lullaby” Arranged and Performed by: Aaron Stang

**Announcements**

**Candles of Community**

**Response**

**Music Meditation** – “On Holy Ground” Words & Music: Amy Carol Webb

**Offering Hymn** – “One More Step” Music: Joyce Poley; Performed by: Brenda Parker

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

**Wisdom Story** – “When The Unitarians Ran Off With The Tax Money” Told by: Rev. Sarah Skochko

**Message** – “Church and State” - Rev. Sarah Skochko

**Music** – “Autumn Leaves” Music: Joseph Kosma; Performed by: Brenda Parker

**Extinguish Chalice**

**Board of Trustees Statement**

**Carry the Flame**

**Hospitality Connection**