

River of Grass UU Congregation

January 16, 2022 – 10:30 am

Thresholds & Crossroads: Justice at the Intersections Martin Luther King Sunday

Here we have arrived in the New Year, 2022. And not just any New Year, but also a new world calling for new navigations, new ideas, new solutions to both old and new challenges – and new hope.

Join us this Sunday morning at River of Grass for our Virtual MLK Sunday 2022 (while our area's COVID-19 metrics remains at "Severe Risk") at the link below. We'll talk about the thresholds before us and ways we can cross them, as well as the crossroads where history and hope meet – in us and our work in this time of shift and change.

We'll also hold our annual Fire Communion to release those things we wish to leave behind in sacred smoke as we affirm our way forward – together. We'll be watching for you.

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 at <https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu/>. Tune in there for the service, then log onto our Zoom link for hospitality time afterward.

We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... See you then!

Topic: Worship January 16, 2022

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>

See you then!

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Riding the Clutch: Bending the Arc at Thresholds & Crossroads

River of Grass – January 16, 2022 – Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Opening Words

Theme Hymn – “One More Step” Words & Music: Joyce Poley; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb and Brenda Parker

Chalice Lighting

*We light this candle for strength
for determination
for courage
for faith
that by our own lives
the unwavering flame of justice
shall reach the far corners
of every human heart. (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 Hymn – “When the World Is Sick” Words & Music: A Silver Mt. Zion; Arranged & Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Announcements

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

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

Wisdom Story – “The Children Showed the Way”

Music Meditation– “Don’t Let It Bring You Down” Words & Music: Neil Young; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Message – “Riding the Clutch: Bending the Arc at Thresholds & Crossroads” - Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music – Fire Communion

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection