

River of Grass UU Congregation
April 10, 2022 – 10:30 am

The Black Roots of American Popular Music

As we continue this month to explore our theme of Awakening, this Sunday, April 10, we will contemplate the profound impact black musicians have had on American popular music. Come hear Aaron Stang bring this largely unappreciated history of the roots of 20th century music to life.

Through his selection of inspiring words and the incredible, innovative music produced by black artists and entrepreneurs, we will get to experience an awakening of our appreciation for those who truly deserve the credit for the creation of many of your favorite songs and genres in American popular music. You won't 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 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!

We'll be live on Zoom at the link below, as well as on our facebook page.

Virtually at:

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>

Aaron Stang

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Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Call to Worship

Theme Hymn – “What’s Going On” Words & Music: Marvin Gaye

Chalice Lighting

We kindle one flame and another and another

Across distance and geography

Uniting in this sacred time.

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 – “Minstrel Banjo” Rhiannon Giddens and Jim Hartel

Announcements

Candles of Community

Response

8th Principle

Wisdom Story – “Mister and Lady Day: Billie Holiday and the Dog Who Loved Her” Written by:

Ana Novesky; Read by: Diane Lade

Message – “The Black Roots of American Popular Music” Aaron Stang

Offering Music – “What’s Going On” Words & Music: Marvin Gaye

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

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection