

River of Grass UU Congregation

May 29, 2022 – 10:30 am

Came So Far for Beauty: Memorial Day

*I Came so far for beauty
I left so much behind
My patience and my family
My masterpiece unsigned
– Leonard Cohen*

Our month-long contemplations of what it means to be a people who Nurture Beauty brings us to consider how far we've come – as individuals, community, and congregation – and how far we are yet willing to go on our quest for beauty. This Sunday, May 29, 2022, we ask – what has this quest shaped our hearts and minds and bodies, and how may it yet transform us in the new world before us? We'll have the music of Leonard Cohen, and Rev. Amy Carol Webb, and the poetry of Maggie Smith, with moments to reflect and encourage one another for the days ahead.

We will also offer remembrance in honor of Memorial Day and those who have given their lives in service to us all.

Come as you and join us in Zoom at the link below or on our Facebook page live at 10:30 am, May 29, 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>

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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River of Grass – May 29, 2022 – Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

Theme Hymn – “How Could Anyone” Words & Music: Libby Roderick

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 – “Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads” Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; Performed by: River of Grass Virtual Choir

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Birthday Video

Offering Hymn – “Open My Heart” Words & Music: Henry S. Flurry; Performed by: Gayle Giese

Offering – <http://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

Wisdom Story – “One Flower In A Field” Adapted from “One Flower in a Field” by Joshua Searle-White, in Magic Wanda’s Travel Emporium: Tales of Love, Hate and Things in Between (Boston: Skinner House, 2007); Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Music Meditation – “Come So Far for Beauty” Words & Music: Leonard Cohen; Sung by: Amy Carol Webb

Message – “Came So Far for Beauty” pt 1 Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Video – “Forgiveness” Music & Words: Rev. Amy Carol Webb; Sung by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Message – “Came So Far for Beauty” pt 2 Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Reflection Music – “Fields of Gold” Words & Music: Sting; Performed by: Aaron Stang

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Carrying the Flame

Hospitality Connection