

River of Grass UU Congregation

November 13, 2022 – 10:30 am

Hope, Change, & Weathering the Possibility of Happiness

We seldom admit the seductive comfort of hopelessness.

It saves us from ambiguity. It has an answer for every question:

“There’s just no point.”

Hope, on the other hand, is messy.

If it might all work out, then we have things to do.

We must weather the possibility of happiness.

~ the CryptoNaturalist

Gather with us this Sunday as for a deep dose of messy hope in the wake of one of the most difficult election seasons of our lives – and in the midst these liminal times that are not quite done with changing us so that we might ourselves bring good, hard, worthy, time-consuming, heart rending, arc bending change into the world in the name of this Love that calls us onward ... no matter what ... that we might “weather the possibility of happiness” together in our time.

Come as you are – we’ll be watching for you! We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... See you then!

Use the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live on our [facebook page](#).

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 – November 13, 2022 – Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading – Prescription for the Disillusioned

Chalice Lighting

We light this sacred flame today

That by its light

We may see the paths before us

And live the Way of Love

Unfolding through us. (Webb)

Theme Hymn #361 – “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” Words & Music: Louise Ruspini

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 Music – “For All That Is Our Life” Words: Bruce Findlow; Music: Patrick Rickey; Performed by: Gayle Giese and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

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

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

Wisdom Story – “Change Sings: A Children's Anthem” by: Amanda Gorman; Illustrated by: Loren Long; Read by: Diane Lade

Music Meditation – “Loosen Loosen” (Aly Halpert)

Message – “Hope, Change, & Weathering the Possibility of Happiness” Amy Carol Webb

Video – “Gate A-4: a poem” by Naomi Shihab-Nye, read by Rev. Summer Albayati, UUA Western Pacific Region

Closing Music – “Tomorrow” by Kate and Justin Miner; Performed by the GA Virtual Choir, Directed by Benjie Messer

Announcements

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Hospitality Connection