

River of Grass UU Congregation

November 27, 2022 – 10:30 am

Radical Inclusion

*“If we say “inclusion” but we mean
“We have something that’s perfect exactly the way it is,
so you should come join us and fit right in,”
that’s not inclusion, that’s colonization.*

-CB Beal, Justice and Peace Consulting

Sunday’s worship service focuses on exploring and celebrating the Change that we need in order to become a more inclusive community. We come together this weekend after Thanksgiving to grapple with the uncomfortable realization that we, of non-Indigenous descent, live here because we assimilated and colonized a people. We have much work to do to repair this great harm.

Our recently adopted 8th principle calls on us to “build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.” So where do we start with this monumental task? One place to start is with ourselves and our small groups, and ask how we can be more inclusive – truly inclusive. Join us Sunday to hear more about this important journey to build Beloved Community!

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>

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Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading

Chalice Lighting

*We come together every week
Bound not by a creed,
Or a mutual desire to please one God
Or many Gods
Yet we are drawn together
By a belief, that how we are in the world,
Who we are together
Matters.
We light this chalice,
together in the knowledge
That love, not fear, can change this world (Jennifer Gracem)*

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 – “We Belong” Used with Permission Words & Music: Namoli Brenne;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAKXi47qPmg>

Candles of Community

Response

November Birthday

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

Wisdom Story – “From the Stars in the Sky, to the Fish in the Sea” by: Kai Cheng Thom ; Illustrated by: Wai-yant Li and Kai Yun Ching; Read by: Deb GIBLIN-DAVIS

Reflection Music – “This Land is Your Land” (The Cafeteras) used with permission

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dS0OQ9HP3Oo>

Message – “Inclusion or Colonization” Kathy Jens-Rochow and CB Beal, Justice and Peace Consulting

Closing Music – “On Holy Ground” Words & Music: Amy Carol Webb; Performed by Amy Carol Webb

Closing Words

Announcements

Extinguish Chalice

Hospitality Connection