

River of Grass
Order of Service
January 11, 2026
Monthly Theme: Practicing Resistance
Lift Every Voice

GATHERING

10:25 Morning Sing

#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are, Words: adapt Rumi; Music: Lynn Adair Ungar

#361 Enter, Rejoice and Come In, Words & Music: Louise Ruspini

Oh, Let Us Gather, Words and Music: RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude #155 Circle 'round for Freedom, Words and Music: Linda Hirschhorn

Welcome

Call to Worship Music Arises by Arlen Goff

Chalice Lighting

'Tis set in the lamp of our history.

We inherit this free faith

from the brave and gentle, fierce and outspoken

hearts and minds that have come before us.

Let us be worthy inheritors of this faith

and through our good works, pass it boldly to a new generation.

Opening Music #149 Lift Every Voice and Sing

CONNECTING

Covenant

English: *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.

Spanish: *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.

Wisdom Story

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory Building a New Way, Words and Music: Margaret Sandefer; River of Grass choir

DEEPENING

Deepening Music Go Down Moses African American Spiritual

Candles of Community

Stones Ritual; Moment of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response #371, #381; Music: Genevan Psalter 1551, Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Heritage and Hope

Heritage - Pete Seeger

Hope - Emma's Revolution

Message Lift Every Voice Kathy Jens-Rochow

Songs: Where Have All the Flowers Gone? by Pete Seeger and Joe Hickerson

Blowin' in the Wind by Pete Seeger

#206 Amazing Grace by John Newton 1772

SENDING

Closing Music Imagine by John Lennon

Closing Words by Michelle Collins

Announcements

Sending/Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Music Reprise