

River of Grass Order of Service  
Sunday, January 18, 2026  
Monthly Theme: Practicing Resistance  
**Carrying Each Other Through the Resistance**  
Karen Gonzalez

**GATHERING**

**Morning Sing;** #153 Oh, I Woke Up This Morning; Words & Music: African American spiritual  
#1018 Come and Go With Me; Words & Music: African American spiritual  
Oh, Let us Gather; Words and Music: RevAmy Carol Webb

**Ringing of the Chimes**

**Prelude** I Have Decided by Dave Rowe

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** Sacred Dissent by Rev. Michelle Colline

**Opening Hymn** #170 We Are a Gentle Angry People; Words and Music:Holly Near

**Chalice Lighting** Allesandra Diaz

We light this chalice in memory of the courage  
of those who have struggled for freedom,  
the persistence of those who've struggled for justice,  
and the love of those who've built beloved communities  
to carry on the light of hope.

**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.*

**Offering/Offertory** #169 We Shall Overcome; Words & Music: African American spiritual

**Candles of Community**

**Stones of Reflection**

**Pastoral Response** Justice is Our Prayer by Rev. Rebekah Savage

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

**DEEPENING**

**Heritage** Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth

**Hope** Dr. Janice Marie Johnson

**Deepening Hymn** #318 We Would Be One; Words: Sameul Anthony Wright, Music: Jean Sibelius

**Wisdom Tale** Good Night Racism by Ibram X. Kendi

**Message** Carrying Each Other Through the Resistance Karen Gonzalez

**SENDING**

**Closing Hymn** #116 I'm On My Way; Words & Music: African American spiritual

**Closing Words** Already Breaking Through by Michelle Collins

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Announcements**

**Shine On; Invite to Hospitality**