

River of Grass Order of Service  
March 1, 2026  
Monthly Theme: Paying Attention  
**Love is the Power; APD Kickoff**  
Rita Cherubini and Ken Bresnahan

**GATHERING**

**Morning Sing**

#361 Enter Rejoice and Come In; Words and Music by Louise Respini

#396 I know this Rose; Words and Music by Mary Grigolia

Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

**Welcome**

**Prelude:** Sounds of Silence; Art Garfinkle and Paul Simon

**Welcome Cont.**

**Call to Worship** Call to Presence by Rev. Bob Janis-Dillon

**Opening Music** #123 Spirit of Life; Words and Music by Carolyn McDade

**Chalice Lighting** by Heather K. Janules

*Our prophets died for the freedom of faith;*

*We are here in their spirit.*

*We are here to practice and sustain our living tradition;*

*To light a chalice,*

*Claiming for justice*

*The heat and power of fire.*

*In our free faith,*

*We are here,*

*Seeking freedom from despair,*

*The freedom to be loved as ourselves,*

*And the freedom to grow beyond imagination.*

*We are here,*

*Gathered in the name of all that we find holy.*

*Let us give thanks for the gift of gathering here.*

*Amen*

**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** "What is Given from the Heart" by Patricia C. McKissack

**Singing the Children to Classes**

**Offering/Offertory** instrumental

**DEEPENING**

**Deepening Music** I have Decided by Dave Rowe

**Candles of Community**

**Stones of Reflection**

**Pastoral Response**

**Heritage and Hope Together**

**Message** Love is the Power Rita Cherubini

**SENDING**

**Closing Music** Love is the Water by Brother Sun and Joe Jenks

**Closing Words**

Luminous Heart by Jan Richardson

**Extinguishing the Chalice** The Art of Truly Noticing by Rev. Michelle Collins

**Announcements**

**Invite to Hospitality**

**Shine On**

**Music Reprise**