

River of Grass Order of Service
March 8, 2026
Monthly Theme: Paying Attention
**Mindful Attention Just Might
Transform Your Life**

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*The simple practice of learning to be more mindful in the present moment
of our experience can have profound impact on how we relate to ourselves and others.*

GATHERING

MORNING SING

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

RINGING OF THE CHIMES Ally Diaz

WELCOME

PRELUDE What a Wonderful World by George David Weiss

WELCOME continued

CONNECTING

CALL TO WORSHIP To Remind Ourselves What Is Real by Elena Westbrook

OPENING MUSIC All Right Now by Andy Fraser and Paul Rodgers

CHALICE LIGHTING by Lore Stevens

With this chalice, may we kindle the flame of our attention.

Not too fiery or wild, spreading without cause or care.

Not too dim or fading, unfocused and ineffective.

But, like a cheerful cookfire in a cozy hearth,

like a comforting candle, flickering yet steady,

may our attention be befriended, directed, and sustained

for the betterment of all humankind.

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

APD Testimonial Diane Lade

APD Update Ken Bresnahan

OFFERING

OFFERTORY #402 From You I Receive; Words and Music: Joseph and Nathan Segal

CANDLES OF COMMUNITY

STONES RITUAL

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PASTORAL RESPONSE

WISDOM TALE The Farmer's Luck a Zen Parable

PASTORAL RESPONSE continued---

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

HERITAGE Unitarian Universalism and Buddhism

HOPE River of Grass Sangha

DEEPENING MUSIC #38 Morning Has Broken Words; Eleanor Farjeon, Music: Gaelic Melody

MESSAGE Mindful Attention Just Might Transform Your Life Andy Bunce

CLOSING SONG Moonshadow by Cat Sevens

CLOSING WORDS Blooming of the Lotus Meditation by Thich Nhat Hanh

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

INSTRUMENTAL REPRISAL #38 Morning has Broken; Words; Eleanor Farjeon, Music: Gaelic Melody

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITE TO HOSPITALITY

SENDING/SHINE ON

MUSIC REPRISE What a Wonderful World by George David Weiss