

River of Grass Order of Service
April 19, 2026
Monthly Theme: Embracing Possibilities
Paradise Found
Karen Gonzalez
All Generations Service

GATHERING

Morning Sing #38, Morning Has Broken Words: Eleanor Farjeon, Music: Gaelic Melody #298 Wake Now My Senses; Words: Thomas JS Mikelson, Music: Traditional Irish melody Oh, Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ring of the Chimes

Prelude What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong

Welcome

Call to Worship "Let Us Make this Earth a Heaven" by Tess Baumberger

Opening Hymn #21 For the Beauty of the Earth; Words: Folliot Sanford Pierpoint, Music: Conrad Kocher

Chalice Lighting "We gather here to worship" by Gary Kiwalski, adapted

We gather here to worship:

to seek the truth, to grow in love, to join in service;

to celebrate life's beauty and find healing for its pain;

to honor our kinship with each other and with the earth;

to create a more compassionate world,

beginning with ourselves;

to wonder at the mystery that gave us birth;

to find courage for the journey's end;

We light our chalice

to welcome Heaven in our midst for the days between.

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 "There is a Love" by Rebecca Parker, adapted

DEEPENING

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response "Join Hands, Join Spirits" by David Chapman

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

Wisdom Story "Garden Song" by Peter, Paul and Mary

Heritage and Hope Rebecca Ann Parker / UU Ministry for Earth

Deepening Music #398 To See the World; Words: William Blake, Music: Norway c. 1600

Message "Paradise Found" Karen Gonzalez

SENDING

Closing Music #1064 Blue Boat Home; Words and Music: Peter Mayer

Closing Words "Choose to Bless the World!" by Rebecca Parker

Announcements

Invite to Hospitality

Extinguishing the Chalice

Shine On & Music Reprise