

River of Grass  
Order of Service  
August 31, 2025  
**Love at the Center: May it Be So**  
Leana Bresnahan

**GATHERING**

**Morning Sing** #389 Gathered Here in the Mystery of the Hour; Words and music by Philip Porter  
#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are; Words adapted from Rumi; Music by Lynn Adair Unger  
Oh Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

**Ring of the Chimes**

**Prelude** Put a Little Love In Your Heart; Words and Music by Jackie DeShannon, Jimmy Holiday and Randy Myers

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Music** #354 We Laugh, We Cry; Words and Music by Shelley Jackson Denham

**Chalice Lighting**

*We light this flame*

*To ignite the sacred power of justice.*

*We light this flame*

*So that it may be a beacon of hope*

*In moments of uncertainty, fear, anxiety, and the unknown.*

*We light this flame, and are emboldened by its blaze,*

*Knowing our strength as a prophetic and powerful people*

*Is rooted in the diverse ways we answer the call to love.*

By Jami Yandle

**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.*

**DEEPENING**

**Deepening Music** #95 There Is More Love Somewhere; Words and Music: African American hymn

**Candles of Community**

**Stones of Reflection**

**Pastoral Response**

**Sung Response** #371 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381 by Isaac Watts

**Wisdom Story** "I Am Love: A Book of Community" Written by Susan Verde; Art by Peter H. Reynolds

**Sing the Children to Class** "We Love You and Bless You" by RevAmy Carol Webb

**Heritage**

**Hope**

**Offering/Offertory** Love is All You Need; Words and Music by John Lennon and Paul McCartney  
**VIDEO** Love is Love is Love is Love; Words and Music by Abbie Betinis Performed by the River of Grass Virtual Choir

**Message** "Love at the Center: May It Be So"

**SENDING**

**Closing Music** #131 Love Will Guide Us; Words by Sally Rogers; Music Traditional

**Closing Words**

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Announcements**

**Shine On**

**Invitation to Hospitality**

**Music Reprise**