

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

January 17, 2021 – 10:30 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend - Bending the Arc 1 “THIS GREAT TURNING”

Each year on Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday we launch our annual “Bending the Arc” service series, drawn from his quote “The arc of the Universe is long, but it bends toward justice,” (which Dr. King himself learned from the teachings of Unitarian preacher and theologian, Theodore Parker) and focused on our part of bending that arc of justice in our time.. This year’s series, “This Great Turning” explores the massive shift we are living through in this moment of history -- this moment that is ours to decide what comes next.

We’ll have music from MaMuse (“We Shall Be Known”), Neil Young (“Don’t Let It Bring You Down”), and The Nields (“Tyrants Always Fall”) along with our regular beautiful shared elements. Join us on Zoom or Facebook, as we, too, turn toward building a new way in this world.

Come as you are to gather with us for this Sunday’s love-streamed service, remembering only the medium is virtual; the connections, the love, the spirit are real. Following the service, we will share virtual Hospitality time with a live chat and small groups where we can relish each other’s beautiful faces and voices together once again.

If you need some support getting settled after logging into our Worship Zoom Meeting, we will have folx “in the room” at 10:00 to help. Then, as we always do, at 10:30, we will ring the chimes and gather in spirit if not in body, then follow our service with Virtual Hospitality, greeting one another right there in our Zoom screen.

Gather with us from your computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone with video and audio or just audio; or audio only from a basic phone at the connections below -- this information also at riverofgrassuu.org:

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9>

We’ll be watching for you, and happier than ever to see you!

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Opening Words

Reading

Theme Hymn – “Gathered Here” Words & Music: by Philip A. Porter; Brenda Parker, piano

Chalice Lighting

*We light this candle for strength
for determination
for courage
for faith
that by our own lives
the unwavering flame of justice
shall reach the far corners
of every human heart. (Webb)*

Covenant

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.

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.

Music/hymn – “We Shall Be Known” Words & Music: MaMuse; performed by the UU the Vote “How We Thrive” virtual choir

Candles of Community

Response

Thank You!

Offering Hymn – “What’s Going On” Words & Music by: Marvin Gaye; Arranged & Performed by: Aaron Stang

Offering – Give digitally and via text: <https://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

Wisdom Story – “Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present” Written by: Charlotte Zolotow; Illustrated by: Maurice Sendak; read by: Rob Giblin-Davis

Music Meditation – “Don’t Let It Bring You Down” Words & Music: Neil Young

Message – In This Great Turning – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music – “Tyrants Always Fall” Words & Music: the Nields

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection