

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

April 25, 2021 – 10:30 am

Annual Poetry Service



Join us for our annual Poetry Service where members will present favorites and their own creations--- exploring our truth, acknowledging our faults and celebrating our blessings. Our Wisdom Story will feature the “Velveteen Rabbit”. We hope to see you there!

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.

Follow the link below to join us in Zoom – or if you’d like, we’ll be simulcasting on our Facebook page. Tune in there for the service, then log onto our Zoom link for hospitality time afterward. And now that we have a larger Zoom space ready to welcome all who will join us from over this world – who will we meet this week?

Sunday morning, gather with us at the River – on your computer, your tablet, your phone (with video or only audio if you like, we’ll miss your face!) -- just click or dial into our River of Grass Meeting Room at the link or numbers below. We’ll be watching for you!

Topic: Worship April 25, 2021

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!

Annual Poetry Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading – “Some Day” by: Margaret Williams Braxton

Theme Hymn – “I Know This Rose Will Open” Words & Music: Mary Grigolia; Performed by: Renato DeMoraes

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice today
With the very gladness of our hearts
To gather together again
To be made whole and holy
Mingled as one
In this River of Life

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.

Hymn – “Lone Wild Bird” Words: H. R. MacFayden; Music: William Walker's Southern Harmony; Performed by: River of Grass Virtual Choir

Candles of Community

Response

Thank You!

Offering Hymn – “Voice Still and Small” Words & Music: John Corrado; Performed by: Amy Carol Webb

Offering Music – “A River Flows in You” Music: Yiruma; Performed by: Brenda Parker

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

Wisdom Story – “The Velveteen Rabbit” by: Margery Williams; Read and adapted by Audrey Stang

Poetry Service

1. “Break, Break, Break” by: Alfred Lord Tennyson, recited by: Vernon Allen - Public Domain
2. “Wild Girls” by: Bev Kaufman, read by: Bev Kaufman - By Permission
3. “Garden of Death” by: Bev Kaufman, read by: Bev Kaufman - By Permission
4. “Poem In A Time Of Peril” by: Barbara Rohde, read by: Zena Tucker - By Permission
5. “Growth” by: Ava, read by: Judi Oltmans - By Permission
6. “What is to be a Member?” by: Sheila Klein, read by: Sheila Klein - By Permission
7. “Gratitude” by: Pat Tinker Raab, read by: Pat Tinker Raab - By Permission
8. Music Meditation – “Human Touch Poems/The Water Is Wide” Music by: Spencer Michael Free/Traditional; Performed by: Gayle Giese
9. “Accepting” by: Sheryl Silverman, read by: Zena Tucker - By Permission

10. "For Your Birthday" by: John Donahue, read by: Rob Giblin-Davis - By permission

11. "Guest House" by: Rumi, read by: Carolyn Sant Angelo - Public Domain

12. "Beyond the You" by: Carolyn Sant Angelo, read by: Carolyn Sant Angelo - by permission

Closing Music – "Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads" Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; Performed by: River of Grass Virtual Choir

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection