

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Love-stream Worship!

May 9, 2021 – 10:30 am

Justice Sunday

On Sunday, May 9, join the River's Service, Social Justice and Green Team (SSJGT) for a Justice Sunday celebration. And a special recognition of the original Mother's Day, which was a call for peace.

In times of crisis such as we are living through now, looking to moments in our shared history when we rose to the challenges before us can offer important lessons – as well as hope. Please join us for a special virtual Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Justice Sunday Service with UUSC President and CEO, Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, as we explore how congregations have brought our Unitarian Universalist values to the fight for human rights since UUSC's founding in May of 1940.

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 May 9, 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!

Justice Sunday

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading

Welcome – Rev. Mary Katherine Morn

Theme Hymn – “For All That Is Our Life” (vs. 1 & 3) Words: Bruce Findlow; Music: Patrick Rickey;

Performed by: Gayle Giese and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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.

Hymn – “Spirit of Life” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade; Performed by: UUSC All Souls UU Church
Washington, DC

Candles of Community

Response

Thank You!

Mother’s Day Proclamation – Julia Ward Howe, a Unitarian suffragist and peace activist, penned The Mother’s Day Proclamation in 1870. This is a compilation of multiple voices bringing its powerful message to us today.

May Birthdays!

Offering Hymn – “Meditation on Breathing” By: Sarah Dan Jones; Performed by: Holston Valley UU Church

Offering Music – “Open My Heart” Words & Music: Henry S. Flurry; Performed by: Gayle Giese;

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

Wisdom Story – “Righteous among the Nations” adapted; Read by Rev. Laura Randall; From UUA Tapestry of Faith

Message – “UUSC Sunday Sermon” - The Revs. Mary Katherine Morn & Laura Randall

Benediction/Closing – Rev. Mary Katherine Morn

Extinguish Chalice

Hospitality Connection