

River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

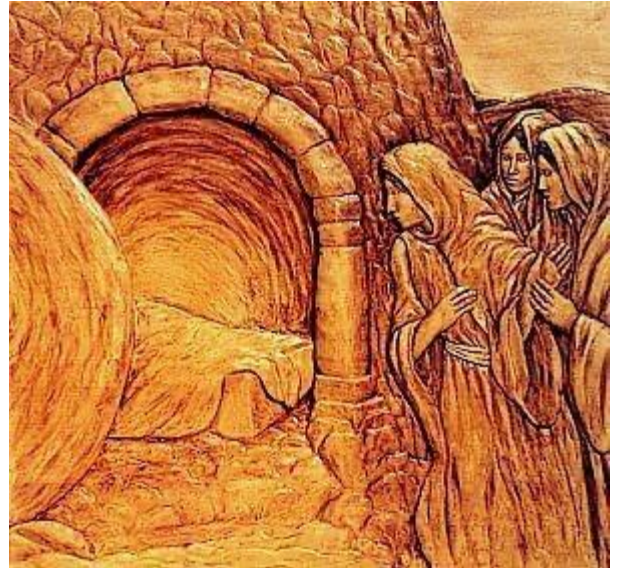
Love-stream Worship!

June 27, 2021 – 10:30 am

How Heavy The Stone

During our Summer Series of River of Grass Classics, we will be refreshing some favorite services that took place in the past year. As Rev. Amy is away for the summer months, we have nine more weeks to explore some old and new experiences on Sunday morning. Some lay led, some from Rev. Amy and, yes, there will be an opportunity for you to join other congregations on Sunday mornings to experience their worship services. A full schedule is on the [River of Grass website](#).

Sunday's service was first done on April 12, 2020 at the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Who knew it would be over a year that we and the world would stop in time. EVERYWHERE – in every country across this planet – coming to a screeching halt like somebody stuck a stick through our bicycle spokes and we're thrown off, lying in a ditch wondering what the heck just happened. At that time Rev. Amy was convinced the pandemic was “a gateway to liberation, for ourselves as individuals, as communities, as nations, as a planet.” And, she gave us the light of optimism...even then.



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:

Topic: Worship June 27, 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!

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Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Easter Bonnet Parade

Theme Hymn – “Circle Round for Freedom”

Chalice Lighting

*We light this sacred flame today
that by its light we may see the path of liberation before us
and dare to take it as one people living
the Way of Love unfolding through us. (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 – “Gathered Here”

Heritage and Hope

Wisdom Story – read by: Karen Gonzalez

Message – “How Heavy the Stone” – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Offering Hymn – “Oh We Give Thanks” Words & Music: Marvin Gaye

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

Capital Campaign

River of Grass Choir – “How Can I Keep from Singing”

Extinguish Chalice

Carry the Flame

Closing Words

Hospitality Connection