

River of Grass UU Congregation
November 28, 2021 – 10:30 am

Ancestors of Justice

Our worship service on November 28th is a collection of true stories that might make you feel proud, or surprised, or even uncomfortable. Our seven stories are about the ordinary people in our Unitarian and Universalist histories who acted as justice-makers in both bold and secret ways. Our guest minister, Rev. Erika Hewitt, will help us celebrate some of the unknown, or lesser-known, stories of these religious ancestors whose legacy we carry -- as **WE** now hold that history.

Please join us on Sunday at 10:30 am or a little before to chat. Join us as you are from wherever you are in Zoom or on FaceBook live for both our service, and Hospitality in Zoom following the service. (If you tune in on Facebook, c'mon over at Hospitality time with the link below!). We can't wait to see you!

Topic: Worship November 28, 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!

Rita Cherubini, Worship Chair

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Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

December Birthdays

Are You Ready?

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Words

Theme Hymn – “We Are” Words & Music: Dr. Ysaye Barnwell; Performed by: Dr. Ysaye Barnwell and the
GA Choir

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.

Story 1 – “The Sharps” Audrey Stang

Story 2 – “The Chalice” Rob Giblin-Davis

Chalice Lighting – *Based on the words of Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen*

To be a Unitarian Universalist means we’ll never be done with the work:

the work of telling the truth about oppression

the work of resisting any laws, policies, or practices that deny anyone their humanity

the work of stubbornly seeking out the spark of the divine each other, no matter what

the work of creating heaven on earth

To be a Unitarian Universalist also means we’re not alone in the work:

we are not alone because of our promises to love one another

we are not alone because we are companions on the journey

we grow ourselves into allies,

helping one another get free—

because none of us is truly free until we are all free.

Music – “I’ll See You In My Dreams” Words & Music: Gus Kahn & Isham Jones; Performed by: Aaron Stang

Story 3 – Intro and Read “Abolition” Rev. Erika Hewitt

Story 4 – “The Secret Six” Karen Gonzalez

Music – “There Is A Love” Words & Music: Elizabeth Norton & Rev Rebecca Parker; Arranged by: Gary Gonzalez; Performed by: River of Grass Virtual Choir

Offering Hymn

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

Story 5 – “The Women of the Unitarian Society of New Haven” Diane Lade

Story 6 – Intro and Read “The Clergy Consultation Service” Rev. Erika Hewitt

Sung Response – “Voice Still and Small” Words & Music: John Corrado; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Story 7 – “AIDS” Rita Cherubini

Wrap-Up Stories and Intro of Sung Response – Rev. Erika Hewitt

Sung Response – “There is A Love” Reprise Words & Music: Elizabeth Norton & Rev Rebecca Parker; Arranged by: Gary Gonzalez; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez, Guitar

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Closing Hymn – “Greensleeves” Words & Music: Traditional English Folk Song; Arranged by: Liz Story; Performed by: Gayle Giese

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Extinguish Chalice

Hospitality Connection