

River of Grass UU Congregation

February 13, 2022 – 10:30 am

The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith Racial Justice, adapted from 2017 Service by Rev. Erika Hewitt

Our worship service this morning is uniquely prophetic: it calls to us who identify as white to listen, humbly and perhaps with some discomfort, to the lived reality of black Unitarian Universalists in our midst. This discomfort is both a gesture of hospitality to voices that have not been heard enough and a sign that we're growing in the right direction.

River of Grass is doing sacred work: collectively, we will wrestle with what it means to be a majority-white faith whose anti-racist intentions have not always been borne out. We invite you to witness this moment of transparency and vision.

Come as you are to gather with us in our 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 at <https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>. Tune in there for the service, then log onto our Zoom link for hospitality time afterward.

We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... See you then!

Topic: Worship February 13, 2022

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>

See you then!

The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith

River of Grass – February 13, 2022 – Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Reading / Call to Worship

Theme Hymn – “Draw the Circle Wide” Words: Gordon Light; Music: Mark A. Miller; Performed by: River of Grass Virtual Choir

Chalice Lighting

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 – “Shine on Me” Led by Melanie DeMore; Words & Music: Traditional African-American Spiritual

Candles of Community

Response

Announcements

8th Principle Testimony

Wisdom Story – “Three Wise Women” by Megan Methieson; Read by: Audrey Stang

Systemic Racism – What’s It All About, You Ask

- 1. Wealth Gap**
- 2. Housing Discrimination**
- 3. Government Surveillance**
- 4. Incarceration**
- 5. Immigration Policy**

Music Hymn – “Room At the Table” Words and Music: Carrie Newcomer, with permission

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection