

River of Grass UU Congregation

April 17, 2022 – 10:30 am

Hope In The Dark - Easter Sunday

In this season of rebirth and resurrection, we gather to celebrate Christianity's most holy day this Easter Sunday. But we do well to remember that before the dawn of Easter morning, there was first the dark when those who loved and followed Jesus of Nazareth found their world torn asunder, their dreams of a new world bloodied and beaten, their hearts broken, their hopes shattered in fragments beneath their feet. It is said that hope is a thing with feathers, but no, beloveds – hope is a thing with muscle and sinew and the sheer tenacity to keep getting back up again every time she's knocked back. Hope is what waits in the dark and leads us to morning. This ... this is the kind of hope we'll find together this Easter Sunday. This kind of hope that never dies.

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 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!

We'll be live on Zoom at the link below, as well as on our facebook page.

Virtually at:

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>

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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River of Grass – April 17, 2022 – Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

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 – “Sounds of Silence” Words & Music: Paul Simon; Performed by: Relative Viewpoint

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Announcements

8th Principle

Thank You!

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

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

Wisdom Story – “Meet Jesus (A Conversation)” by Karen Gonzalez

Music Meditation – “Morning Has Broken” Words: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Gaelic Melody; Performed by: River of Grass Choir

Message Part 1 – “Hope In the Dark” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Balm in Gilead

Message Part 2 – “Hope In the Dark” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Music – “Over My Head” Words & Music: Traditional Spiritual; Performed by: River of Grass Choir

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carry the Flame

Hospitality Connection