

River of Grass UU Congregation
May 15, 2022 – 10:30 am

Beauty for Ashes

... [we are] sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. To comfort all that mourn ...to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. (Isaiah 61:1-4)

As we continue our May considerations of what it means to be A People of Beauty, this Sunday we gather to ask ourselves how such a broken world -- war-torn, grieving, falling to ash before our eyes -- can also offer us such beauty? The better question is, how are we called to bring beauty to such a world? How we shall be “trees of righteousness?” How shall we begin to repair the desolations of many generations?

Join with us this Sunday at River of Grass to lift up these questions posed in every age as we consider our way forward through the changes to hand as individuals and families, as congregation and community. Come, let us offer you beauty for ashes.

Then stay for our River of Grass Annual Meeting as we engage the beauty of our 5th Principle (Democratic Process) to chart our way through the new world before us and celebrate the opportunities it brings.

Follow the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live on our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>.

Come as you are – we’ll be watching for you! 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.

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 – May 15, 2022 – Order of Service

Oh, Let Us Gather

Welcome

Call to Worship

Theme Hymn – “How Could Anyone” Words & Music: Libby Roderick

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 – “Keep on Moving Forward/Sigamos Adelante” Words & Music: Pat Humphries; Performed by:
Emma's Revolution

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Announcements

8th Principle

Thank You

Offering Hymn – “Love Will Guide Us”

Offering – <http://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

Wisdom Story – “Fred the Tree” Author & Illustrator: Leigh H. Guest; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Music Meditation – “Don't Be Discouraged/Hold On” Words & Music for Hold On: Wilson Phillips;
Performed by: The Women's 8 of All Souls UU DC

Message Part 1 – “Beauty for Ashes, Part 1” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Watching the River Run

Message Part 2 – “Beauty for Ashes, Part 2” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music – “Tomorrow (There Will Be Better Days)” Words & Music: Kate & Justin Miner;
Performed by: GA Virtual Choir 2020

Extinguish Chalice

Closing Words

Carrying the Flame

Hospitality Connection