

# River of Grass UU Congregation

July 23, 2023 – 10:30 am

## Ever Willing: Becoming the People Our World Needs

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” Barack Obama

This Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Kathy Jens-Rochow will share excerpts from the General Assembly Sunday morning service. The pandemic has wrought change and created uncertainty for our congregations and our wider world. Who and what are we becoming, individually and collectively? Our GA Sunday service explores these themes as we gather in community to celebrate the best of who we UUs are.

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!

Use the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live 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>

Kathy Jens-Rochow

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**River of Grass – July 23, 2023 – Order of Service**

**Prelude** – “Joy in the Morning” Words and Music: Tauren Wells  
Performed by the GA Choir

**Welcome** – Kathy Jens-Rochow

**Opening Hymn** – “I Pledge Allegiance” Words & Music: Gary Gonzalez  
Sung by Gary, Emily & Sara Gonzalez

**Chalice Lighting** – Our Highest Ideals Written by: Reverend Dr. Rebekah Savage

*We light our flaming chalice  
As a beloved people united in love  
And thirsting for restorative justice.*

*May it melt away the tethers  
That uphold whiteness in our midst.  
May it spark in us a spirit of humility.  
May it ignite in us radical love  
That transforms our energy into purposeful action.*

*This a chalice of audacious hope.  
This chalice shines a light on our shared past,  
signaling our intention to listen deeply, reflect wisely  
And move boldly toward our highest ideals.*

**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.*

**Depending Music** – “Times they Are A’changing” Words & Music: Bob Dylan  
Performed by the GA Choir

**Candles of Community**

**Response**

**Offering** – “Speak Now” Words & Music: Leslie Odom, Jr. & Sam Ashworth  
Soloist: Reggie Harris

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**Wisdom Story** – “Whatever Comes Tomorrow” Words: Rebecca Gardyn Levington  
Art: Mariona Cabassa  
Read by: Stella Anderson

**Message** – “Ever Willing: Becoming the People Our World Needs”  
By Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti

**Closing Music** – “We Can Be The Light” Words: Jan Elicker Music: Cliff Hardin

Performed by the GA Choir with Matt Meyer-percussion

**Announcements**

**Extinguish Chalice**

**Shine On**

**Invite to Hospitality**