

River of Grass UU Congregation

December 31, 2023 – 10:30 AM

“Seeds of Light for the New Year”
a collection from the UUA

A Virtual service

What seeds are you planting for the new year?
How are you weaving your magic into your relationships with others?
How can we center beauty and goodness and love in all that's ahead?
These questions are at the heart of this worship.

Come as you are virtually on Zoom. We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... We'll be watching for you!

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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Prelude – “Trinity Fanfare” composed by: Alex Guebert; license purchased through Handbell Musicians of America; performed by The Chalice Bells, 1st Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor

Welcome – Kathy Jens-Rochow

Chalice Lighting –

*We light this chalice today
With the very gladness of our hearts
To gather together again
To be made whole and holy
Mingled as one in this River of Life (Webb)*

Covenant

In the light of love, let us renew our covenant as we say together:

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.

Deepening Music – “Imagine” Words & Music: John Lennon and Yoko Ono; performed by the Glee Choir

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

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

Wisdom Story – “Bridge of Flowers” Written by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarashinha; used with permission from [Flamingo Rampant](#); Read by: Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

Message – “Seeds for the New Year” – Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, President UUA

Closing Music – “Joy Comes Back” Words & Music: Sean Staples

Announcements

Extinguish Chalice