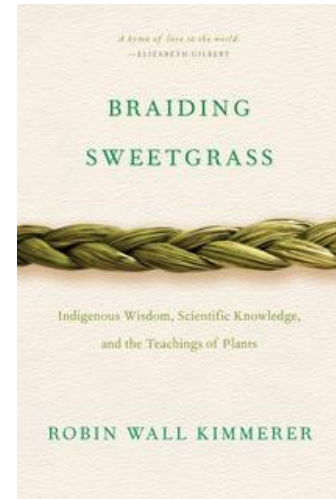


Join Rev. Dr. Robin Hawley Gorsline in a 6-week Discussion of *Braiding Sweetgrass*!!

We will focus on ***Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*** by Robin Wall Kimmerer. (Note: *Time Magazine* has named her as one of the 100 Most Influential People of 2025 in the category of Pioneer.)

This is the beginning of what will be a series of online book examinations/discussions. I chose Kimmerer's powerful, popular book because she grounds it in three essential sources of understanding—indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the teachings of plants—needed if we are to create a movement to save Earth and all Earth's beings from the industrial/domination/destructive/extractive economic/social system so dangerous to Earth and all beings. These sources are also central elements of my own eco-spirituality/theology and I hope they connect with you, too.

Kimmerer is indeed supremely qualified to speak from these perspectives—as an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology at SUNY, and the founder and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment.



This text is hefty, almost 400 pages, but it is eminently readable as she weaves together indigenous teaching and science with her own and her peoples' personal experience of living with and honoring plants. I personally have not touched sweetgrass growing (at least to my knowledge) but her writing and pictures I have seen elsewhere have made it very real. And there is so much more, including ways she shows how indigenous people have much to share with and teach modern science. And I believe spirituality. May it be so for you, for all of us as we share in this six-week journey, and beyond.



We will begin on (using Zoom) July 15 at 7:00 pm for 90 minutes focusing on the Preface and the first section, "Planting Sweetgrass." Each week, we will focus on one of the additional four sections, plus a concluding conversation on August 19. We will limit participants to 15 so we have good time for conversation, learning, even spiritual reflection. Please register with the commitment to reading and participating each week (if possible). I will share the link when you register.

Sign up. Questions? Contact me at [writer@robinhawleygorsline.com](mailto:writer@robinhawleygorsline.com)