

River of Grass UU Congregation

December 4, 2022 – 10:30 am

But Wait, There's More!: A Wonderbox Service

Wonder rather than doubt is the root of all knowledge.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Our first Unitarian Universalist Source calls us to heed –

Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.

In our multi-platform in-person service this Sunday, we begin December's exploration of what it means to be a People of Wonder – beginning with a kind of service we've not shared before – A Wonderbox Service!

Bring something with you, a token, a memento, a piece of nature, or anything that inspires or represents the innate call to wonder in your life, to find deeper meaning, spark curiosity, or meet the mystery where it lives in the world and in us. We'll put it in the Wonder Box, then draw at random and see what we find. And who knows – it just might lead us to some wonder-ful place we never expected!

Come as you are – either in-person at University of Florida IFAS Satellite Building or virtually on Zoom. We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... See you then!

In person at:

University of Florida - IFAS

Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center

3205 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314

Directions: <https://flrec.ifas.ufl.edu/about-us/>

If you Are arriving via University Drive:

- Turn east at Nova Drive (SW 24th Street), which would be a right turn if driving from the south and a left turn if driving from the north.
- Drive east on Nova Drive to the first stoplight, which is College Avenue.
- Turn right onto College Avenue and drive south ¼ mile to the first entrance on the right side of the street. Look for a large blue monument sign with University of Florida on it. The entrance is 600 feet past this monument sign.

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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Prelude – Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Welcome

Reading/Call to Worship – “In this Spirit of Searching” (Rev. Joan Javier-Duval)

Theme Hymn #398 – “To See the World” Words: William Blake; Music: traditional Norwegian; Presented by: Jess Huetterman, piano and voice

Chalice Lighting – Gary Gonzalez

*We light this sacred flame
For that which we can sense
Without our senses;
That we see without sight
Feel without touch
And know without proof.
For Truth beyond us, and wonder within us,
As a light that is never consumed. (Webb)*

Covenant – Gary Gonzalez

*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 #389 – “Gathered Here” Words & Music: Philip A. Porter; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

New Member Ceremony

Hymn – “From You I Receive” Words & Music: Words and Music: Joseph & Nathan Segal

Offering – Performed by: Cecilia Roy

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

Wisdom Story

Singing Youth to Class – “We Love You and Bless You” Words & Music: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Music Meditation #1013 – “Open My Heart” Words & Music: Henry S. Flurry; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

Message – “But Wait, There's More: A Wonderbox Service” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music #1040 – “Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name” Words & Music: African American Spiritual; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano; Rev. Amy Carol Webb, guitar

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Hospitality Connection