

# River of Grass UU Congregation

February 19, 2023 – 10:30 AM

## The Home that Love Made: The Resilience of Our Blue Boat Home

*Stress has deformed and compressed our planet's glorious body  
But what if size and shape can be recovered, nourished into a new flourishing.  
- Leah Ongiri, from "A Blessing for Resilience"*

What if we decided to Side With Love for the sake of Earth herself, to fight for Climate Justice? What if we knew this, too, is part of our call to bend the arc of the universe toward justice in our time? What if we understood that working to heal our planet was at the intersections of healing people, and dismantling systems of oppression and harm to ourselves and all living things? What if we believed that even the smallest changes we might make in our daily lives could make big changes in our world?

Join us this Sunday to think about it, talk about it, and make a plan to better care for our Blue Boat Home – and all who make their homes here!

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse at the Historical Auditorium 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:

- Our new Sunday morning rental space at the Old Davie Schoolhouse!
- 6650 Griffin Road, Davie, FL 33314 ([Click for Directions](#))
- Service will begin at **10:30 AM**
- Childcare will be provided.

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>

Rev. Amy Carol Webb and Karen Gonzalez

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**Prelude** – “Morning Has Broken” Music: Traditional English melody; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

**Welcome** – Kathy Jens-Rochow

**Call to Worship** – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

**Theme Hymn** – “Love Will Guide Us” Words: Sally Rogers; Music: Traditional; Performed by: The River of Grass Choir; Cecilia Roy, piano

**Chalice Lighting** –

*We light this flame today  
For the love of Earth  
That we may weave our lives  
With all living things,  
That we may sow seeds of tenderness  
To reap a harvest of joy. (Webb)*

**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** – “The River” Words & Music: Coco Love Alcorn; Performed by: River of Grass Choir

**Candles of Community**

**Pastoral Response**

**Offering** – “Bless the Beasts and the Children” Words & Music: Barry De VorzonPerry Botkin, Jr.;  
Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

**Annual Pledge Drive Testimonial** – Tanya Gustafson and Bruce Ngo

**Music Meditation** – “Ancient Mother” Words & Music: Traditional Navajo prayer; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

**Wisdom Story** – “Bad Future, Better Future” by: Julia Rosen; Illustrated by: Yuliya Parshina-Kottas;  
Read by: Karen Gonzalez

**Message** – “The Home that Love Made: The Resilience of Our Blue Boat Home” Rev. Amy Carol Webb and Karen Gonzalez

**Music** – “Blue Boat Home” Words: Peter Mayer; Music: Roland Hugh Prichard; Adapted by: Peter Mayer;  
Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

**Announcements**

**Closing Words**

**Extinguish Chalice**

**Shine On**

**Invite to Hospitality**