

River of Grass UU Congregation

April 9, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Joy Is Resistance: An Easter Celebration of First Last Greatest and Least

*A tomb is no place to stay
When each morning announces our reprieve,
And we know we are granted yet another day of living.
- Richard S. Gilbert*

We continue this season of hope and renewal with a celebration of the Eastertide, as we consider the teachings of who among us will be first, last, greatest, and least – in this time we are called to ever deeper commitments to serve the transformation of our world and ourselves. What is our call? To whom? For whom? What is our place – and our responsibility – to build a new and joy-filled way for this human journey?

Join us to celebrate joy as an act of resistance – and answer “yes!” to life!

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Heritage Hall 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... We'll be watching for you!

In person at:

- Our Sunday morning rental space is 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

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Prelude – Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Welcome – Sergio Bustos

Call to Worship – “A Tomb is No Place to Stay” by: Richard S. Gilbert

Theme Hymn #168 – “One More Step” Words & Music: Joyce Poley; Performed by: The River of Grass
Choir; Cecilia Roy, piano

Chalice Lighting –

*For holy days on which we recall the old stories,
we light the flame.*

*For Easter which reminds us that love is our greatest challenge,
we light the flame.*

*For gathering today in this sacred space,
we light the flame.*

*For the opportunity to be together as a community,
to remember the past, to plan for our future,
to be alive in our present. (Dillman Baker Sorrells)*

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

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Offering – Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Annual Pledge Drive/Thermometer/How to Give

Wisdom Story – “The First and the Last” Read by: Diane Diaz

Music Meditation #395 – “Sing and Rejoice” Words & Music: Traditional round; Performed by: Cecilia
Roy, piano

Message – “Joy Is Resistance: An Easter Celebration of First Last Greatest and Least” Rev.
Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music – “Just as Long as I Have Breath” Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Johann G.
Ebeling; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality