

River of Grass UU Congregation

May 14, 2023 – 10:30 AM

The Mother of All Days

*Arise, all ... who have hearts,
whether your baptism be that of water or of tears!
-Julia Ward Howe, Mother's Day Proclamation, 1870*

Just as today's commercialized celebration of Mother's Day of candies and flowers and Sunday brunches is such a far cry from the intent of our Unitarian forebear, abolitionist Julia Ward Howe's original Mother's Day Proclamation against violence and war -- so are our understandings of this day, this role in humanity, our responsibilities to the those marginalized in their what mothering itself is in a world still learning the beautiful universe of nature and nurture, and what our responsibilities are to those marginalized in their mothering. Join us this Sunday to answer Julia Ward's Howe in our own time.

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 #91 – “Mother of All” Words & Music: Alexander Pope; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Welcome

Call to Worship – “Mending the Broken World”; by: Rev. Kathleen McTigue

Theme Hymn #168 – “May Your Life Be As a Song” Words: Jim Scott; Music: Yuri Zaritsky; Performed by: The River of Grass Choir; Cecilia Roy, piano; Gary Gonzalez, guitar

Chalice Lighting

*For those who came before to make history;
For those who come today to make of history, heritage;
For those who come tomorrow to make of heritage, hope;
We light this guiding flame.*

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 # 123 – “Spirit of Life” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Offering – “Life is Dancing” Words & Music: Cecilia Roy; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Wisdom Story – “Milo Imagines the World” Written by: Matt de la Peña; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Singing Youth to Class – “We Love You and Bless You” Words & Music: Rev. Amy Carol Webb;
Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Music Meditation #155 – “Circle 'Round for Freedom” Words & Music: Linda Hirschhorn; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Message – “The Mother of All Days” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music #170 – “We Are a Gentle, Angry People” Words & Music: Holly Near; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality