

River of Grass UU Congregation

June 4, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Flowers Then, Flowers Now, Flowers for All Time

One hundred years ago in June 1923, amidst a world of despair and destruction, the Rev Norbert Čapek held the first Flower Ceremony with his congregation in Prague, Czechoslovakia to celebrate beauty and joy in the power of a loving community. This Sunday we, too, gather in beauty, love, and delight with our own annual Flower Ceremony — while we Bridge teens and welcome new members and carry on our traditions of hope and resilience in our own troubled world.

Folks coming in-person, remember to bring flowers for our ceremony from your yard or another place of beauty and meaning for you. Folks joining us on zoom or facebook, send a photo of you and your flower to us for the ceremony -- send to: minister@riverofgrassuu.org by Friday at 5:00 pm -- be sure to bring a flower into your screen for the celebration!

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

100th FLOWER CEREMONY
River of Grass – June 4, 2023 – Order of Service

Prelude –“Here Comes the Sun” Words & Music: John Lennon and Paul McCartney; Performed by: Aaron Stang and Gary Gonzalez

Welcome – Leana Bresnahan

Call to Worship – “If I Were a Flower” by: Rev. Carol Martignacco

Theme Hymn #38 – “Morning Has Broken” Words: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Gaelic melody; Performed by: The River of Grass Choir

Chalice Lighting

*We light our chalice today
for the hope
that blossoms anew in our hearts
Like flowers ever reaching for the Sun,
That we, too, may keep our faces
Toward the warmth and light
of Truth. (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 # 21 – “For the Beauty of the Earth” Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint; Music: Conrad Kocher; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Offering – Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Growing Beloved Community – New Member Ceremony

Growing Youth – Bridging Teens

Growing Gratitude – Faith Development Appreciation

Wisdom Story – “One Flower in a Field” by: Joshua Searle-White; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Message – “Flowers Then, Flowers Now, Flowers for All Time” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music #1064 – “Blue Boat Home” Words & Music: Peter Mayer; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Announcements

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality