

# River of Grass UU Congregation

June 18, 2023 – 10:30 AM

## How We Live Our Principles – It can be Hard

*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 intersection 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 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>

Kathy Jens-Rochow

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River of Grass – June 18, 2023 – Order of Service

**Prelude** – “Lullaby (Goodnight, my Angel)” Words & Music: Billy Joel; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

**Welcome and Greeting** – Kathy Jens-Rochow

**Theme Hymn #38** – “Morning Has Broken” Words: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Gaelic melody; Performed by Cecilia Roy, piano

**Call to Worship** – Kathy Jens-Rochow

**Chalice Lighting** – “A Chalice Lighting for When Things Aren't Okay” Written by: Shari Woodbury; Read by:

Kathy Jens-Rochow

*Spark of the spirit*

*cupped in earth's embrace,*

*Light of love*

*alive in all creation,*

*As we kindle this flame,*

*we rekindle our connection*

*to the sacred web of life.*

**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: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint; Music: Conrad Kocher; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

**Candles of Community**

**Response**

**Offering** – “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” Music by: Johann Sebastian Bach; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

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**Thank You**

**Wisdom Story** – “10 Questions with the Father of Environmental Justice” Written by: Lauren J. Young;

Read by: Tanya Gustafson

**Message** – “How We Live Our Principles” Kathy Jens-Rochow, Steve Jens-Rochow, and Piers Chambers

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

**Announcements**

**Closing Words**

**Extinguish Chalice**

**Shine On**

**Invite to Hospitality**

**Music Reprise**