

# River of Grass UU Congregation

September 24, 2023 – 10:30 AM

## Siding with Love

Where is our holy church?  
We're on the side of love.  
What does that mean to you?  
When does that happen?

Perhaps it is on the school playground, when you see the class bully picking on a new victim. Or standing in the check-out line at the grocery store behind a young mother whose screaming child has her at her wits end. Or at a staff forum at work when your pledge to take some unpaid leave days could help save a coworker's job. Or standing with a stranger protesting injustice. Join us as we explore the meaning of siding with love.

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

In person at:

- Our Sunday morning rental space is located 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 – September 24, 2023 – Order of Service

**Prelude** – “We Are” Words and Music by Yasye M Barnwell

**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

**Opening Hymn #361** – “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” Words & Music: Louise Ruspini; Performed by:  
Gary Gonzalez and the River of Grass Choir

**Chalice Lighting** – “Drawn Together” By Jennifer Gracen

*We come together every week  
Bound not by a creed,  
Or a mutual desire to please one God  
Or many Gods  
Yet we are drawn together  
By a belief, that how we are in the world,  
Who we are together  
Matters.  
We light this chalice,  
together in the knowledge  
That love, not fear, can change this world*

**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.*

**Deepening Music** – “Joy Comes Back” Words & Music: Ruthie Foster

**Candles of Community**

**Response**

**Offering Music** – “It’s Time for Love” Words & Music: Johnnie Mandel and Paul Francis Webster;  
Performed by Maria Rivas

**Offering** – <http://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

**Wisdom Story** – “Emma’s Poem” Words by: Linda Glaser; Paintings by: Clare A. Nivola; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

**Singing Youth to Class** – “We Love You and Bless You” Words & Music: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

**Message** – “Siding with Love” RKathy Jens-Rochow

**Closing Music #1051** – “We Are a Gentle, Angry People” Words & Music: Ysaye M. Barnwell

**Announcements**

**Closing Words**

**Extinguish Chalice**

**Shine On**

**Invite to Hospitality**