

River of Grass UU Congregation

December 10, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Each Candle A Miracle

We rededicate ourselves
to the miracle of light in a season of darkness,
the miracle of faith in a time of cynicism,
the miracle of courage in a time of fear.
- Amanda Udis-Kessler

“What is the memory that’s valued so highly we keep it alive in this flame,” beloved singer Peter Yarrow asks of us in the re-telling of the Hanukkah story. “We have come this far always believing that justice would somehow prevail – this is why we will not fail!” he charges us. Gather with us this Sunday, December 10th, in person or livestream as we once more learn the wisdom, the miracle of the Hanukkah story – a story of strength, endurance, hope, freedom, and peace – that our light, like the Maccabee children of old, may never go out as we rededicate ourselves to wholeness in a time of fracture, and in a time of hatred, the miracle of 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>

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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River of Grass – December 10, 2023 – Order of Service

Prelude – “Reasons for the Season” Words & Music: Rev. Amy Carol Webb; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Welcome – Leana Bresnahan

Call to Worship – “Each Candle a Miracle” By: Amanda Udis-Kessler, adapted

Theme Hymn #327 – “Joy, Thou Goddess” (V1 & 2) Words: Friedrich Schiller; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; Performed by: River of Grass choir; Gary Gonzalez

Chalice Lighting –

We light this Chalice

For the love that holds us

For the light that leads us

For the hope that calls us on. (Webb)

Covenant

In the light of love, let us renew our covenant as we say together:

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 – “Mauz Tsur (Rock of Ages)” Words & Music: Traditional, Jewish; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response

From all that dwell below the skies

let songs of hope and faith arise;

let peace, good will on earth be sung

through every land, by every tongue.

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

Offering Music – “All About that Nais” Words & Music: Maccabeats; Performed by: [YouTube Video](#)

Wisdom Story – “The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate” Written by: Janice Cohn; Illustrated by: Bill Farnsworth; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

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

Message – “Each Candle a Miracle” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music #221 – “Light One Candle” Words & Music: Peter Yarrow; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice Shine On

Invite to Hospitality