

River of Grass UU Congregation

December 24, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Ready for Joy

I wanna be ready, when Joy comes

- Ruthie Foster

Join us this Christmas eve morning with a different kind of Sunday morning service where we'll gather with our favorite morning beverages and pastries to tell share stories of meaningful moments of our lives, sing songs of the season, as we make our hearts ready for joy once more.

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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Prelude – “Little Drummer Boy” Words & Music: Harry Simeone, Katherine Kennicott Davis, and Henry Onorati; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

Welcome – Andi Perez

Call to Worship – “Come Christmas” By: Maureen Killoran

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 –

*In this season we turn toward light once more,
We light this sacred flame
That we might make our hearts ready
For hope renewed
For love remade
For joy reborn. (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 – “I Wanna Be Ready” Words & Music: Ruthie Foster; 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.*

Heritage and Hope

Growing Our Beloved Community (New Member Ceremony)

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

Offering Music – “White Christmas” Words & Music: Irving Berlin; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

Wisdom Story – “Great Joy” Written by: Kate DiCamillo; Illustrated by: Bagram Ibatoulline; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Message – “Ready for Joy” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music – “Feliz Navidad” Words & Music: José Feliciano

Announcements

Closing Words and Extinguish Chalice

Shine On and Invite to Hospitality