



Celebrating 27 Years

Jon Kitner/Spiritual Art

# River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
11850 W State Rd 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325

**Welcome** to our River of Grass Family  
**Welcome** to our Love; **Welcome Home**

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Sunday Service April 26, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Embracing Possibility

**In the Beginning part 1; Billy Jonas**

*Billy Jonas will perform many of his songs through the Service*



"What is the sound of one hand clapping?"

Billy Jonas asks: "What is the sound of 600 sets of keys jingling on the downbeat?"

And how shall we inspire the audience to do it?"

For over thirty years, Billy Jonas -- performer, singer-songwriter, composer, multi-instrumentalist, and educator -- has perfected the art of the neo-tribal hootenanny with audiences around the globe.

Using voice, guitar, and industrial re-percussion,\* each concert is a soul-spelunking, heart healing, joy-filled journey.

## ***Our Mission***

*We nurture our spirits, love intentionally,  
and work to create a just and healthy planet.*

Come as you are Sunday morning at 10:30 – either  
**in-person in Davie:** 11850 W SR 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325  
or **virtually on YouTube LiveStream** (link below).

Childcare provided.

**Flowing River Sangha with Gary Gonzalez**  
Sunday in A-9; Zoom below. Gather 8:15, start 8:30

We come together to lament with, celebrate with,  
& care for one another in our community & our world.



## **Children's & Youth's Faith Development 10:30am**

Our children and youth will worship  
with us this Sunday.

There will be special activities for them  
on the Playground table.



*For more information about our FD program for kids,  
contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at  
[religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org)*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2g>

[riverofgrassuu.org](http://riverofgrassuu.org)

Flowing River Sangha:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82686665851?pwd=kF4kTZS0dA7mK3HM2FXXalsxV1bJX0.1#success>

# River of Grass Café Concert Series

Join us for an evening  
with singer, songwriter,  
instrumentalist.

# Billy Jonas



Saturday, April 25, 2026, A-9, 7pm

Doors open 6pm

\$30 advance; \$35 at the door

Food & Beverages available for donation





**An Evening with  
Gary Gonzalez and Friends  
Playing Live Music by  
Paul Simon and Friends**

Come down to the River to enjoy wine,  
great songs and light dinner fare.

**Saturday, May 2, 7pm, A-9**

Doors open 6:30pm;

**\$40 per person**

Chef Karen will provide a light dinner.  
Food, wine & beer available for a donation.

Gary can arrange rides.

*Tickets:*

Link below.



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# Celebration of Life Barbara Ratchford



Sunday, April 26, 2026, 12:30 pm  
River of Grass

Rev Amy Carol Webb will preside.

Light Snacks

Personal Reflections are Welcome.

Her son will be here to talk about her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

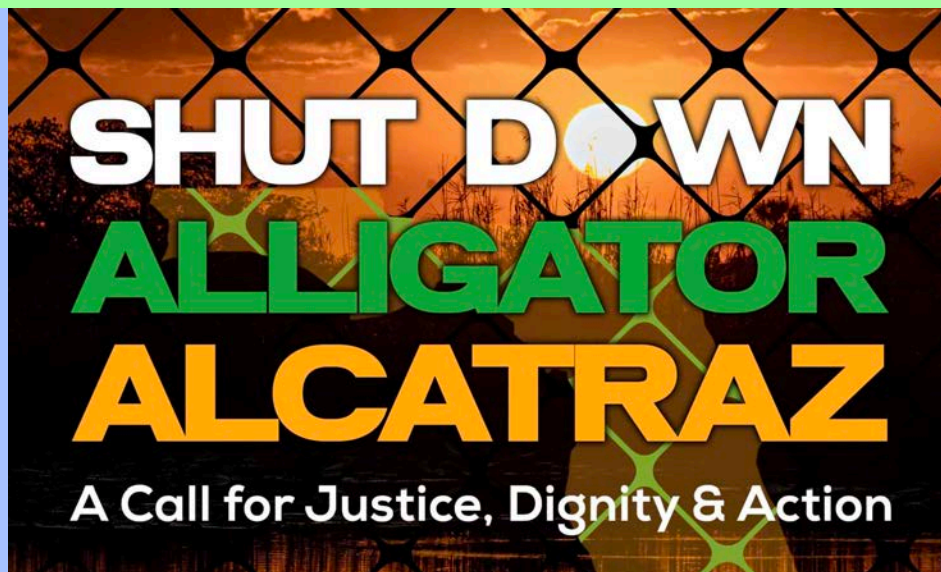
The DHS William & Barbara Ratchford  
Scholarship Fund

c/o Danbury High School, 43 Clapboard Ridge Rd.  
Danbury, CT 06810



**LESBIAN DAY OF VISIBILITY**

**APRIL 26**



**Big Cypress National Preserve  
Interfaith Prayer Vigil  
To Shut Down Alligator Alcatraz**

**Every Sunday 4-5pm**

When we have a group to carpool, we meet at the River at 2:15 and depart by 2:30.

Please contact Andy Bunce or Susan Skach-Bejarano for carpool details: [andrewbunce@att.net](mailto:andrewbunce@att.net)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 23, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**  
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Saturday, April 25, 11 am Zoom **Board Meeting** Leana Bresnahan

Saturday, April 25, 7 pm A-9 **River of Grass Concert Series:**  
**Billy Jonas** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, April 26, 8:15am A-9 +Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**  
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, April 26, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship**  
**Service – Embracing Possibility** Billy Jonas + Robert Smith

Sunday, April 26, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development**  
Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, April 26, 12:30 pm **Barbara Ratchford Memorial**  
**Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

Wednesday, April 29, 7pm Zoom **bUUKies The Filling Station**  
Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Thursday, April 30, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**  
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Saturday, May 2, 7pm A-9 **Paul Simon & More - Talk about a**  
**great evening!** Gary Gonzalez and friends

Sunday, May 3, 8:15am A-9 +Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary  
Gonzalez

Sunday, May 3, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship**  
**Service – Curiosity Everywhere** Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, May 3, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen  
Gonzalez

Thursday, May 7, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**  
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, May 7, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group Topic:** Ken  
Bresnahan

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May  
Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNjRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

Worship Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2g>

Gary Gonzalez Sangha

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/46777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09>

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Men's Group

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## Order of Service for April 26, 2026

**Morning Sing** Peace Like a River - traditional

Oh, Let us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

**Prelude** Sanctuary by Scruggs and Thompson

**Call to Worship** Open All the Doors and Windows

**Opening Music** The Guest House; words by Rumi, music  
by Billy Jonas

**Chalice Lighting** Give Light by Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino

**Covenant** *English:* 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.

*Spanish:* 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.

**Wisdom Story** Maybe, Maybe Not created and sung  
by Billy Jonas

**Singing the Children to Classes**

**Offering/Offertory** Magic Penny by Malvina Reynolds

**Deepening Music** More Love (Karleigh's Song)

by Billy Jonas

**Candles of Community**

**Stones of Reflection**

**Pastoral Response**

**Message One** • In the Beginning part 1

Grass Roots all by Billy Jonas

**Closing Music** God is In; Billy Jonas

**Closing Words** Lightly Tread

by Billy Jonas

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

To the Light by Billy Jonas

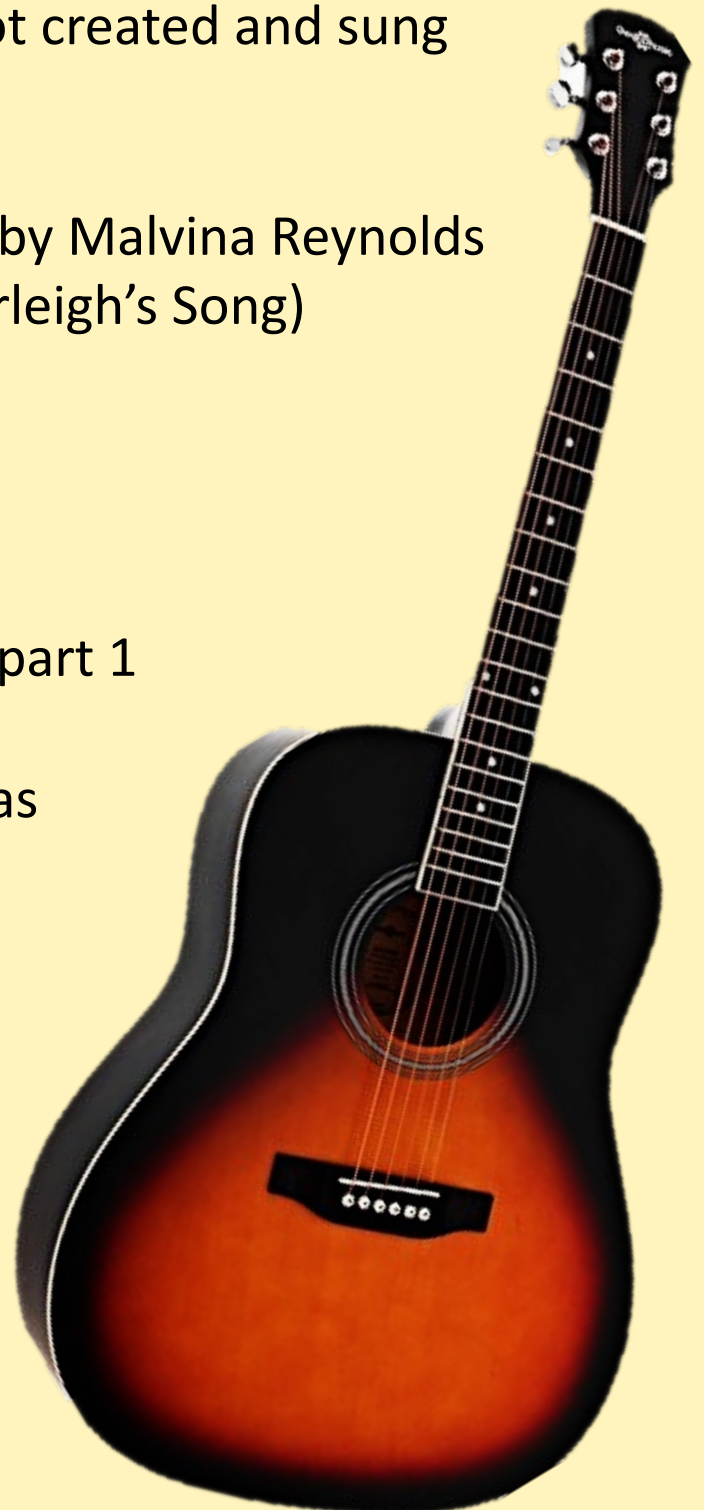
**Announcements**

**Invite to Hospitality**

**Shine On**

**Music Reprise**

Open All the Doors and  
Windows by Billy Jonas





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*Unsubscribe* - If you do not wish to receive this weekly email,  
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*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly  
congregation-wide newsletter should be received  
by noon Wednesday.*

*All announcements will pertain to congregational life  
and affiliated groups and and will be for activities or  
events occurring within two weeks.*

*Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this  
vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must  
have the approval of the President.*

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