

River of Grass Weekly Newsletter May 22, 2025

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**Celebrating  
26 Years**

## River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**

Sunday, May 25, 2025 Intergenerational Service

**Imagine a Faith So Bold!**

**Reflecting on our history, as we celebrate the  
200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Unitarian Association.**

*May your life preach more loudly than your lips.*

*- William Ellery Channing*

In this month of Imagination at River of Grass, we reflect on the bold moves our ancestors made to keep the idea of unitarianism alive, so that we can call this faith our own, today. May 5<sup>th</sup> marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Unitarian Association, but our religious roots can be traced back nearly 2000 years. We'll explore key moments in our history right up to hearing how our children's faith was developed during this past school year. Come, let us learn and grow together so that we may be worthy keepers of the flame!

## Our Mission

Nurture our spirits; love intentionally; create a just & sustainable world.

Come as you are Sunday morning at 10:30 – either **in-person in Davie** (info below) or **virtually on Zoom or Facebook** (links below).

Come a bit before and we can chat prior to the service. Come to:

- 11850 W State Road 84, Suite A-9, Davie, FL 33325
- Children's & youth's Faith Development at 10:30. Childcare provided.

### Faith Development for Kids & Youth:

This Sunday, our children and youth will participate in our All-ages Annual Faith Development worship service. They'll share a bit of what they learned this year and how it informs their Unitarian Universalist faith.



On Sunday, June 1, we will participate in our Annual Flower Communion ritual during the worship service. Please bring a flower to represent each member of your family, so that everyone may leave with a beautiful gift!

For more information about our FD program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org).

**Multi-platform Mindfulness Meditation Sundays A-9+Zoom**  
With Gary Gonzalez. We will gather at 8:30 am and begin meditating at 8:45. Link is below.



## Our 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.

Worship Service: <https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

<https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>

[ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org)

Meditation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRiFLTVcyZz09#success>



# River of Grass

Sunday, June 1  
Worship Service

## Flower Communion

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each member of your family,  
so that everyone may leave  
with a beautiful gift!



### New Member Ceremony

There is still time to become a member that day!

If you are interested, please email Leana  
Bresnahan [membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org)



## River of Grass Connection Circles

For information about Rev. Amy's Connection Circles contact her at [minister@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:minister@riverofgrassuu.org) Or speak with her after Service.



Sunday, May 25, 12:15 pm A-9 **Second Helping Sunday Baby, Bathwater and the Bible** Join us to explore the differences between big-T Truth and little-t truth, the uses of metaphor and meaning, and how the historic weaponization of the Bible has built barriers between us and its wisdom – and between us and our neighbors.



Friday, May 30, 7pm, A-9 **Drum Circle** (Drumming just doesn't do well on zoom) Bring your drum or enjoy one of ours on the last Friday of this month to drum out the stresses of the days behind and find new rhythms for ones to come. No drum, no problem - we have plenty. No experience, also no problem – your inner drummer awaits!



Welcome Circle Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82816837657?pwd=t8scw4ml9h34cv8CU0JWFI3IMQI8F9.1>

Meeting ID: 828 1683 7657

Passcode: 565945



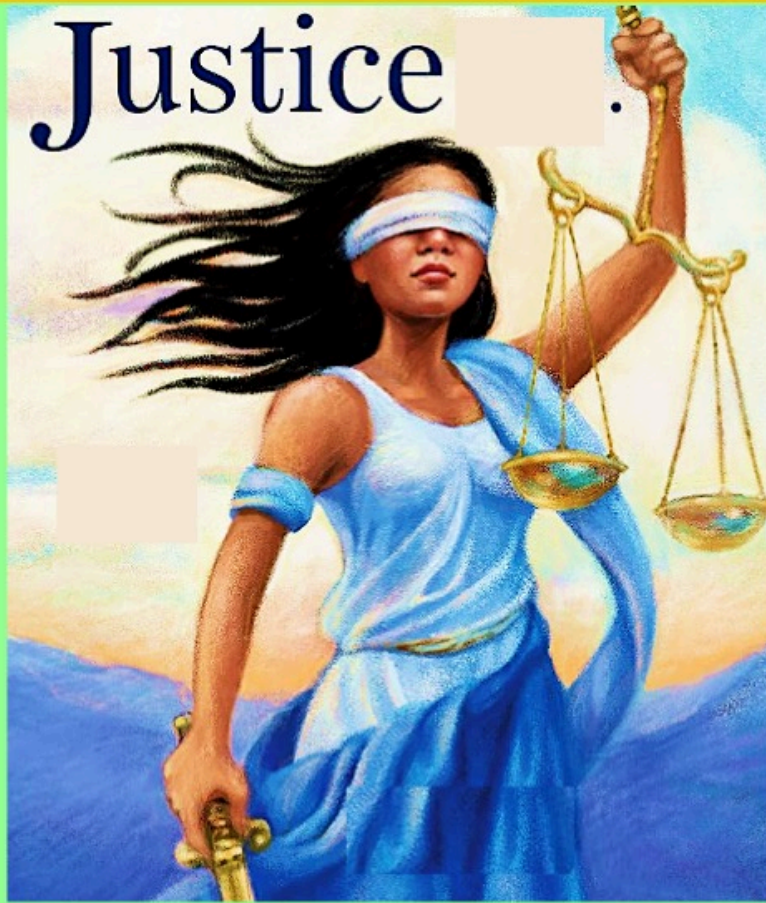
## Full Moon Daughters **Sunrise on the Beach**

Greet the dawn of a new day with the Full Moon Daughters on Saturday, May 31, as we gather on the Lauderdale-by-the-Sea beach to watch the sun rise. This peaceful & centering ritual is an annual favorite.

Bring your coffee or tea, breakfast or a snack,  
a beach chair or blanket, and  
songs, stories and prayers to share.

All women, girls and those who identify as female are welcome. For more information, or to sign up, email:  
[fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org)

# Justice



## **Justice Seekers Meeting Thursday, May 22, 7pm**

We're excited to announce our next Justice Seekers gathering  
on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM

in the Sanctuary.

We are honored to have RevAmy joining us for this meeting.  
Come be part of the conversation as we continue our journey  
toward justice and action in our community.

All are welcome!

[SSJGT@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org)

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## Sunshine Cluster's Climate Justice

# Revival

Reimagine Together  
From An Extractive  
Age To A New Era



**Sat, May 31, 1-3, Free; Zoom**

Open to everyone; to register email your name and group  
or congregation to [sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com)

In the midst of overlapping climate crises & mounting social injustice,  
we are in a time of great change and profound anxiety.

The Climate Justice Revival is a time to come together and commit  
to a vision for a flourishing future for Planet Earth,  
with actions we can take to make that vision a reality!

This interactive Revival will equip you to enter into a new era  
of climate justice.



Facilitated by Rev. Amy Carol Webb M.Div., APC, SDI



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*All email addresses or links are below*

Thursday, May 22, 6pm Zoom

**Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, May 22, 7pm, A-9 **Justice Seekers** Kechi Mouer,  
Susan Skach-Bejarano

Sunday, May 25, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, May 25 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** Karen Gonzalez  
Faith Development; Intergenerational Service; **Imagine a Faith So Bold**

Sunday, May 25, 12:15 pm A-9 **Second Helping Sunday Baby, Bathwater  
and the Bible** RevAmy Carol Webb

Wednesday, May 29, 7pm Zoom **bUUKies The Best Way to Bury Your  
Husband** Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

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Saturday, May 31, **Sunrise on the Beach** Full Moon Daughters Diane Lade

Sunday, June 1, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, June 1, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb  
Annual Flower Communion + New Member Ceremony

Sunday, June 1, 7pm Zoom **Women's Group** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Thursday, June 5, 6pm Zoom

**Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, June 5, 7p, A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, June 6, 2pm A-9 **Farewell Table Arrangements Studio** Spiritual Art  
Steve Jens-Rochow

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbnRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

Gary Gonzalez <https://riverofgrassuu.org/sunday-meditation.html>

Worship Zoom

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Rev. Amy Carol Webb [minister@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:minister@riverofgrassuu.org)

Karen Gonzalez [faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org)

Leana Bresnahan [president@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:president@riverofgrassuu.org)

Ken Bresnahan [mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org)

Men's Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490716445?pwd=NHV2akh4OURkQ2YvcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09>

Diane Lade [fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org)

## Order of Service for Sunday, May 25, 2025

Morning Sing

#389, Gathered Here Words and Music by Phillip A Porter

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Oh, Let Us Gather Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ring of the Chimes Emma Enwright

Prelude "A Million Dreams" by Pink

Welcome

Call to Worship #652 The Great End in Religious Instruction by William Ellery Channing

Theme Solo "What if God was One of Us?" By Joan Osborne

Chalice Lighting Emma Enwright

*Be ours a religion which, like*

*sunshine, goes everywhere;*

*its temple, all space;*

*its shrine, the good heart;*

*its creed, all truth;*

*its ritual, works of love;*

*its profession of faith, divine living.* Theodore Parker

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May Birthday Video

Offering / Offertory #402, From You I Receive Words & Music by Joseph & Nathan Segal

Deepening Music #145, As Tranquil Streams Words by Marion Franklin Ham, Music by Musicalisches Handbuch

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #370 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381 by Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story Will the Real Joseph Please Stand Up

Heritage and Hope

Message IMAGINE A FAITH SO BOLD!

Closing Music #371 Doxology Music #370 from a Genevan Psalter, Words

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

Music Reprise

Natural fibers, such as cotton, are much better for the earth than man made fibers, like polyester. Manufacturing these artificial fabrics releases greenhouse gases, and uses a lot of water, energy & harmful chemicals. And natural fabrics feel better on your skin.

## Green Tip of the Week



### ***From the Church Bulletin***

*These messages actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services. To be read with suitable reverence:*

**Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.**

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website posted below..

River of Grass UU Congregation is on FaceBook. For more information, please contact us at the community awareness email below.

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*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly congregation-wide newsletter should be e-mailed to the Weekly Email address below by noon Wednesday.*

*All announcements will pertain to congregational life and affiliated groups and will be for activities or events occurring within two weeks of this e-mail. Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must have the approval of the President.*

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