



River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Welcome to our River of Grass Family

Welcome to our Love; **Welcome Home**

Celebrating
26 Years

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

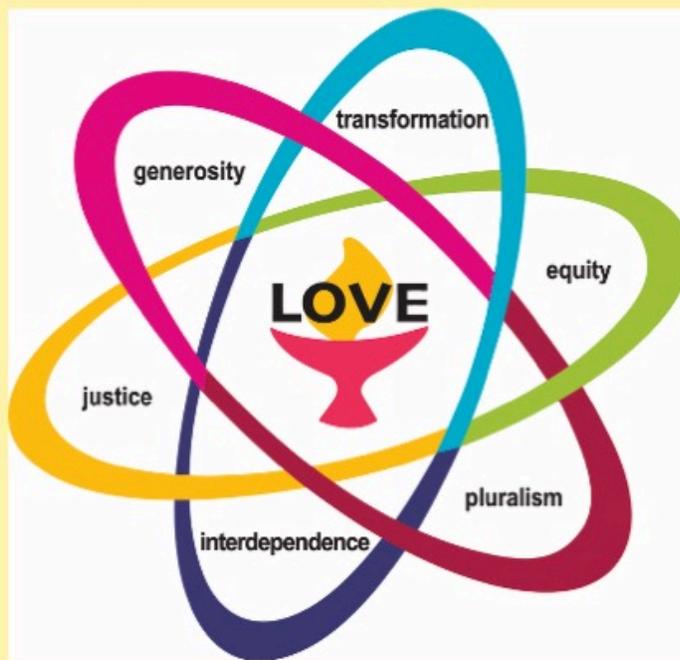
Thursday, June 12, 2025

Sunday Service, June 15, 2025

Equity; Acceptance

Theo Lucas

River of Grass
Summer Worship
Theme:
Unitarian
Universalist
Values



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:



Our children and youth are always welcome in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings, where there are quiet activities for them at the Playground table.

Children under the age of 5 are also welcome in our Nursery for supervised care by our attendant, Marimar.

There are no additional classes during the summer.

For more information about our FD program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.

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>

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

Director of Faith Development
ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org



Beloved River of Grass,
Imagine my wonder, my utter amazement Monday morning,
to awaken still completely awash in your love and brimful with
the joy of the magnificent party you created for us all on
Sunday evening, staggering toward coffee to find my house full
of beauty – a veritable jungle of orchids and clever
centerpieces and decorated rocks and cards and notes and
sweet gifts and prayer flags and ... and ... and ...!

Sure, we know it's The River Way to throw a party, but good
grief y'all, this was a **PARTY!** over and above any expectations
for our celebration and farewell!

It will take me quite some time to soak it all in, as I take my
time to consider each note you wrote and remember each
moment you made to commemorate our long shared ministry
together as we move into our next chapters.

There are not sufficient words for my gratitude for all of it --
for all days of all the years – for each of you with your
particular gifts, and all of you together in the power of the
Beloved Community at River of Grass.

Brooke and I feel deeply loved, and love you deeply.

You live in our hearts forever.

Shine on! ~ RevAmy

Heartfelt thanks from Leana



Thanks to all who participated in this past weekend's events to honor RevAmy and her ministry with us and to give her the loving farewell she so richly deserves.

A special thanks to the MANY who helped plan and carry out the farewell party: the choir and the musicians, the meal and drinks teams, the decorating team, the gift team, the photo and video assemblers, the program team, the committees and small groups who provided the lovely centerpieces, the set-up team, the clean-up team, the people who sent photos and videos, the people who took photos and videos ...I hope I am not forgetting anyone.

If I did, please forgive me.

I know as a result of so many people's efforts, RevAmy is departing knowing and feeling how very much she is cherished by the members and friends of this amazing congregation.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

We did not make a video of the entire event. If you made videos that evening and are willing to share them, please send them to office@riverofgrassuu.org so that we can gather them in one place, and make them available to others.



A Farewell Limerick

A merry Rev called Amy
Gave sermons delightfully brainy.
When her wise words were done
She had more that were sung,
Accompanied by guitar played so daintily.
Our days were made bright
By Rev Amy's torch light
That we hope now shows our way forward.
Blessed to have years of her words said and sung
And comfort in Brooke's loving support.
Now time has come for us to bid farewell,
and we can only say as we part:
You cannot possibly be forgotten as you have a forever
home in our hearts.

Pat Tinker-Raab



30 River of Grass protestors at the Hollywood, FL, April 5 demonstration



NO KINGS

It's time for activism to protect our democracy!

Saturday, June 14, 10:00 – 12:30

at the beach along A1A and Sunrise Boulevard

Meet at RoG at 8:30 AM for coffee, bagels and donuts

Sign-making; or bring signs reflecting our UU values

We will organize to carpool and leave by 9:15 am

Wear your UU "Side with Love" yellow T-shirts

We are looking for volunteers to bring the coffee, food, and sturdy posterboard for signs.

Let's make a difference together!

Bring your friends and family

A Day of Action for Democracy

Organized by the Justice Seekers Team

Kechi Mourer, Susan Skach-Bejarano and Leana Bresnahan

Information: justiceseekers@riverofgrassuu.org

UUA General Assembly 2025



Feedback Session for Actions of Immediate Witness

**Leana Besnahan will host an
Information and Discussion Session
about the 5 proposed GA
Actions of Immediate Witness
after Service this Sunday, June 15.**

This is your chance to learn about these
important issues, and to inform our
GA Delegates [Leana, Andrew Meit & Robert Smith]
how they should vote.

Bringing a Feminist and Womanist Lens to
Resistance and Activism

Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism: Reaffirming
Our Covenants for Democracy and Freedom

Defending LGBTIQ Freedom Amid Funding Crisis:
A Call for Global Solidarity

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We Declare and Affirm: Immigrants Are People Who
Have Inherent Worth and Inalienable Rights

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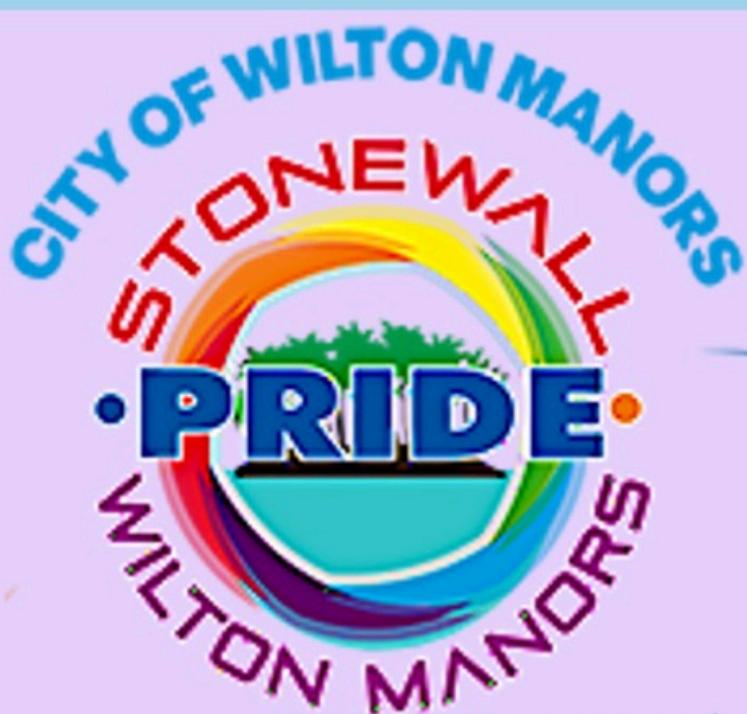
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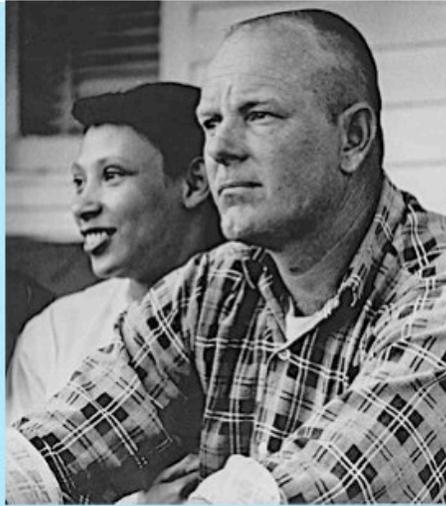
We Declare and Reaffirm: All People Have Inherent Worth and Inalienable Rights



Saturday, June 14, 2025

Festival 3-11pm
Food, Music, Vendor Marketplace, 7 Stages
lining the blocks of Wilton Drive
UUCFL will have a booth

Glow Night Parade 8pm
Illuminated Pride Floats, Vehicles and
Walking Groups



June 12, 1967

Is when the US Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia* struck down the law banning interracial marriage. Before that interracial marriage was illegal in much of the U.S.

In 2025, interracial couples are fairly common. But less than 60 years ago, Mildred and Richard Loving, a Virginia couple were arrested for being in an interracial marriage. This landmark case came down on June 12, 1967. This court case set the precedent for interracial couples to be together without repercussions.



June 15, 2025 Order of Service

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

PRELUDE True Colors by Cyndi Lauper

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Pride by Eli Clare

HYMN #396 I Know This Rose Will Open; Words and Music by Mary Grigolia

CHALICE LIGHTING

How to discuss the truth that some men love men,
and some women, women, and some, both,
with the children in the church school and church home?

Nonchalantly.

Without drum-rolls.

Without tip-toe preparations.

Without calculating and predicting to the nth degree.

With candor.

With open ears.

With unfailing tenderness.

By Mark Belletini

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DEEPENING MUSIC Firework by Katy Perry

CANDLES OF COMMUNITY

STONES RITUAL

PASTORAL RESPONSE

SUNG RESPONSE Music #370 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381 by Isaac Watts

HERITAGE AND HOPE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY #402, From You I Receive, Words & Music by Joseph & Nathan Segal

WISDOM STORY

SINGING THE YOUTH TO CLASS We Love You and Bless You Words and Music by RevAmy

MESSAGE

CLOSING MUSIC You've Got a Friend in Me by Randy Newman from Toy Story

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING WORDS

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

SENDING

INVITE TO HOSPITALITY

MUSIC REPRISE



UPCOMING EVENTS

All email addresses or links are below

Thursday, June 12, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, June 12, 7pm Zoom **mUUVies Fabulous Fungi** Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

Saturday, June 14, 10-12:30 Sunrise Blvd & A1A **Justice Seekers No Kings Protest** Kechi Mourer and Susan Skach-Bejarano

Sunday, June 15, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service Equity** Theo Lucas

Sunday, June 15, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, June 19, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, June 19, 7p, A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, June 22, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Summer Solstice Worship Service** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, June 22 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Wednesday, June 25 **bUUKies** Zoom Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Thursday, June 26, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, June 29, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **General Assembly Worship Service** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, June 29 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

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

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Karen Gonzalez faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org

Leana Bresnahan president@riverofgrassuu.org

Ken Bresnahan mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Men's Group

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Green Tip of the Week

Don't pitch your used coffee grounds.



Instead add them to your compost. They contain 2% Nitrogen and help acid loving plants grow. For potted plants just sprinkle a thin layer on top.

From the Church Bulletin

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

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

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

River of Grass UU Congregation is on FaceBook. For more information, please contact us at communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org.

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Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly congregation-wide newsletter should be e-mailed to WeeklyEmail@riverofgrassuu.org, by noon Wednesday.

All announcements will pertain to congregational life and affiliated groups 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. president@riverofgrassuu.org

Steve Jens-Rochow, Editor newsletter@riverofgrassuu.org

