



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, January 15, 2026

Sunday Service January 18, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Practicing Resistance

Carrying Each Other Through the Resistance

Karen Gonzalez

“To fly we have to have resistance.”

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On this holiday weekend, where we reflect on the social justice gains that were led by Dr. King, let us remember that racism is not dead.

It is alive and well and thriving under authoritarian leadership.

Let us honor our ancestors by joining together to carry on the fight for justice for everyone, everywhere.



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



This Sunday is an all-generation service

*For more information about our FD program for kids,
contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at
religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org.*

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

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Flowing River Sangha:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09#success>



2018

Join the River in the MLK Parade

Monday, Jan 19, Parade leaves at 9:30am
600 NW 6 St., [Sistrunk Blvd.], Ft Lauderdale

Plan on arriving at 8:30, as you may park
several blocks away.

Those who are signed up will receive a text message
that morning with exact location information.

This is a celebratory event at which we will sing and
wave to our neighbors, while honoring Dr. King and
the continued struggle for justice.

It is not a protest march.

*Be sure to add your name to our sign-up sheet
on Sunday.*

Karen Gonzalez 954-804-5540 uugonzo1@gmail.com



2024

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Our Mid-Year Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 25, after worship (12-2:30)

Lunch will be served!

The final agenda and information on the proposed change to our by-laws went out via email on 1/11/2026. Let president@riverofgrassuu.org know if you did not receive it!

We need a quorum of 40% of members to be able to take a vote.

Please plan to be there.

Zoom will be available as well.

Leana Bresnahan, Board President
president@riverofgrassuu.org



Update your anti-racist identity with a new workshop by our UUA - MOSAIC, fostering belonging and liberation in UU Congregations and Communities.

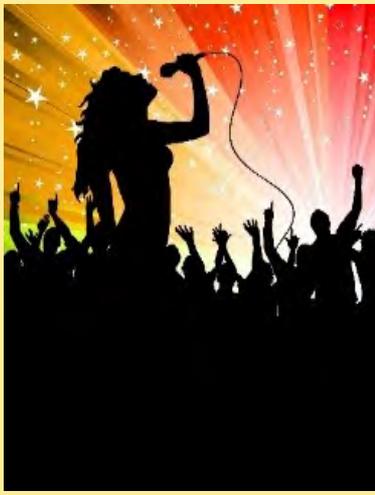
Participants will gain an understanding about how UU values support police abolition.

They'll explore histories and present-day expressions of colonization, indigenous erasure and anti-Blackness.

They'll learn how to confront white entitlement and advocate for reparations while gaining a deeper Unitarian Universalist theology.

Signups continue Sunday.

Karen Gonzalez, Director of Faith Development
Faithdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org



Second Love & Laughter Karaoke Night

Saturday, January 24, 2026

6:30 to 9:30 PM Doors open at 6

\$25 (Chilli, salad, dessert are included.

Wine and beer for a nominal fee)

Held at the River (A-9)

Tickets are still available

(Bring a friend or 2)

contact Elly at elly.keane19@gmail.com

We have a massive song list and can add to it.

We cannot wait for the fun and
to hear you sing again!





Hospitality

Everyone's help is need!

We all enjoy the different selection.

Please sign up to bring
something savory
or
something sweet
for hospitality hour.

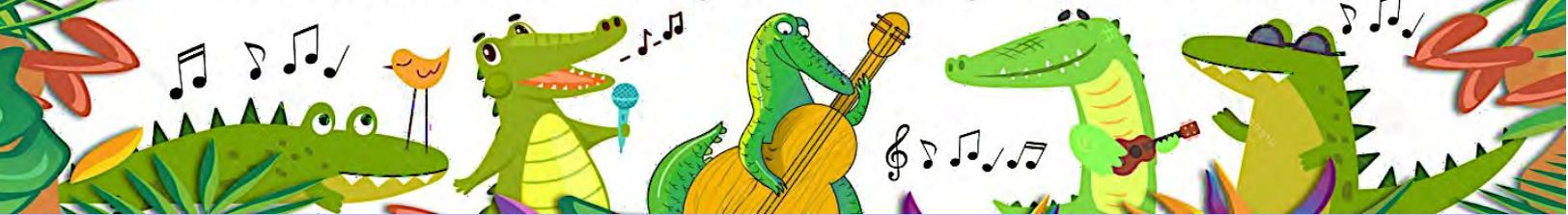
Sign-up sheet is on the wall in
hospitality





South Florida Folk & Acoustic Music Club

Americana • Blues • Bluegrass • Country • Old-Time • World



**Let's do some community outreach
at our booth at the
South Florida Folk & Acoustic Festival**
Bergeron Rodeo Grounds, 4271 Davie Rd
Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 30 to Feb. 1

Your help is needed to volunteer at the booth

Our goal is to share with this community all
ROG has to offer. We want ROG's name
known for our values, our active Social
Justice, and upcoming Café Musicians.

Your help is needed! Sign up to join to help
at the booth. Sign up before or after service
See Elly, Andy B or Peter F for information.

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*Booth volunteering gives you free
admission. Experience three days of live
music, creative workshops, jam
sessions, and community energy .*



Immerse yourself in nature!

Join the

*Full Moon
Daughters*



at 10 am on Saturday, Jan. 31, for a walk
through the stunning

MORIKAMI

MUSEUM AND JAPANESE GARDENS

In Delray Beach.

All women, girls and those who identify
as female are welcome.

Carpooling will be available.

To register + info: dlade@bellsouth.net

Beating Hearts Drum Circle

Friday, January 16, 7pm, A-9

Drum out the stresses of the days behind and find new rhythms for upcoming days.

Tap into the rhythms that are the heartbeat of life.

Bring your own drum or we have extras.

Contact Andy Bunce or Linda Lathroum
andrewbunce@att.net



Maite Parsi, Linda Lathroum, Jane Garside-Foy,
Andy Bunce, Theo Lucas, Natalie Murphy,
Vivian Gimon, Sheila Klein



Calling all River Creatives

Exhibit your artwork at Spiritual Art's

Second Annual Art Exhibition

Sundays, January 18 and 25

Any flat work: poetry, paint, any media.

Installation: Saturday, January 17 at 1pm

Bring your artwork then or leave in the
church office.

Please let me know before Saturday the title,
media and date so I can make labels.

Steve Jens-Rochow
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**SHUT DOWN
ALLIGATOR
ALCATRAZ**

A Call for Justice, Dignity & Action

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 ROG at 2:15 and depart by 2:30.

Please contact Andy Bunce or Susan
Skach-Bejarano for carpooling details:
andrewbunce@att.net



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 15, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, January 15, 7pm, Zoom + A-9 **Men's Group, Topic: Giving or Needing Generosity** Ken Bresnahan

Friday, January 16, 7pm A-9 **Drum Circle** Andy Bunce

Saturday, January 17, 2pm A-9 **Spiritual Art exhibition installation** Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, January 18, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, January 18, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development: All Generations Worship** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, January 18, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service: Carrying Each Other Through the Resistance** Karen Gonzalez.

Monday, January 19, 9:30am **MLK Parade** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, January 22, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Saturday, January 24, 6:30pm **Auction Event - Second LOVE & LAUGHTER Karaoke Night** Elly Keane

Sunday, January 25, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, January 25, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, January 25, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service: Practice Resistance the UU Way** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, January 25, 12pm A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Mid Year Congregational Meeting** Leana Bresnahan

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May
Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNkRRC9qRIJPQT09>

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 January 18, 2026

Morning Sing; #153 Oh, I Woke Up This Morning; Words & Music: African American spiritual

#1018 Come and Go With Me; Words & Music: African American spiritual

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

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude I Have Decided by Dave Rowe

Welcome

Call to Worship Sacred Dissent by Rev. Michelle Colline

Opening Hymn #170 We Are a Gentle Angry People; Word&Music: Holly Near

Chalice Lighting Allesandra Diaz, Chalice Lighter

We light this chalice in memory of the courage

of those who have struggled for freedom,

the persistence of those who've struggled for justice,

and the love of those who've built beloved communities

to carry on the light of hope.

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.

Offering/Offertory #169 We Shall Overcome; Words & Music: African American spiritual

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response Justice is Our Prayer by Rev. Rebekah Savage

Sung Response #371, #381; Music: Genevan Psalter 1551, Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Heritage Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth

Hope Dr. Janice Marie Johnson

Deepening Hymn #318 We Would Be One; Words: Sameul Anthony Wright, Music: Jean Sibelius

Wisdom Tale Good Night Racism by Ibram X. Kendi

Message Carrying Each Other Through the Resistance; Karen Gonzalez

Closing Hymn #116 I'm On My Way; Words&Music: African American spiritual

Closing Words Already Breaking Through by Michelle Collins

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality



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you will be removed.

*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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