



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 22, 2026

Sunday Service January 25, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Practicing Resistance

Resistance Is (Not) Futile

“Anyone who thinks that they are too small to make a difference has never tried to fall asleep with a mosquito in the room.” Christian Todd Whitman



In the TV series Star Trek, there is a race of beings called the Borg. The Borg's existence comes from assimilating and taking over other species, and their most memorable saying is “Resistance is futile!” And it is sometimes easy to think that resistance to evil is indeed futile.

What impact can our actions have on all the hate and pain in the world?

We come together this morning to question what the Borg say, and to see if resistance is futile.

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

What is race?

**Why do some kids engage in
racialized bullying?**

What can a UU kid do about it?



This Sunday in our Faith Development program for kids,
our Littles will talk about Race and the many ways that
people can identify by race.

Our Middlers will talk about racialized bullying and how
they can be allies to those who experience it.

In this way, we will grow our Unitarian Universalist faith.

*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>

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Our Mid-Year Meeting

will take place on Sun, Jan 25, 12-2:30

Lunch is donated by River of Grass'
Covenant Groups

The final agenda and information on the proposed change to our by-laws went out via email on 1/11/2026. Let Leana 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

River of Grass at the Martin Luther King Day Parade in Ft. Lauderdale on January 19





Last Chance

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

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!





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

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.

Please sign up to help at the booth:

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



**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 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 and Robert Smith

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

Wednesday, January 28, 7pm Zoom **bUUKies Hamnet** Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Thursday, January 29, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Saturday, January 31, 2pm A-9 **Spiritual Art: Take Down Exhibition** Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, February 1, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, February 1, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development: All Generations Worship** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, February 1, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service: My Disability is a Blessing** Steve Jens-Rochow



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

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

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Order of Service for January 25, 2026

10:25 Morning Sing

#407 We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table, Words and Music: Traditional

#155 Circle 'Round for Freedom, Words and Music: Linda Hirschhorn

Let Us Gather, Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes Zander Horton-Tavera

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Music #318 We Would Be One, Words: Sameul Anthony Wright;

Music: Jean Sibelius

Chalice Lighting by Pat Uribe-Lichty

The chalice we light today is a symbol of our faith.

It binds us together as one people:

a reminder that our strength is in our shared hope for the world,
and that our common work is the creation of Beloved Community
among ourselves and in the world.

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.*

Birthday Video

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory

Deepening Music #1040 Hush, Words and Music: African American Spiritual,
Slavery Period

Candles of Community

Stones Ritual; Moment of Reflection

Pastoral Response

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

Heritage Rev William Schultz

Hope Rev Fred Small

Resistance Is (Not) Futile Robert Smith

Closing Music Times They Are A-Changin' by Bob Dylan

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

The flame is extinguished, but we know that courage doesn't live in a chalice.
It lives in what you do next. Choose well. The world is waiting.

Announcements

Sending - Shine On

Invite to Hospitality; Music Reprise



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please contact the office and
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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