

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 29, 2026

Sunday Service February 1, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Embodying Resilience



My Disability is a Blessing

Steve Jens-Rochow

Resilience is really a secular word for what religion was trying to say with the word faith.

Without a certain ability to let go, to trust, to allow, we won't get to any new place. Richard Rohr

Steve will describe his spiritual journey as a Polio survivor to today where some of the symptoms are returning. He doesn't see this as a disadvantage but rather as a spiritual awakening, a blessing.

This is stimulus for his creativity.

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



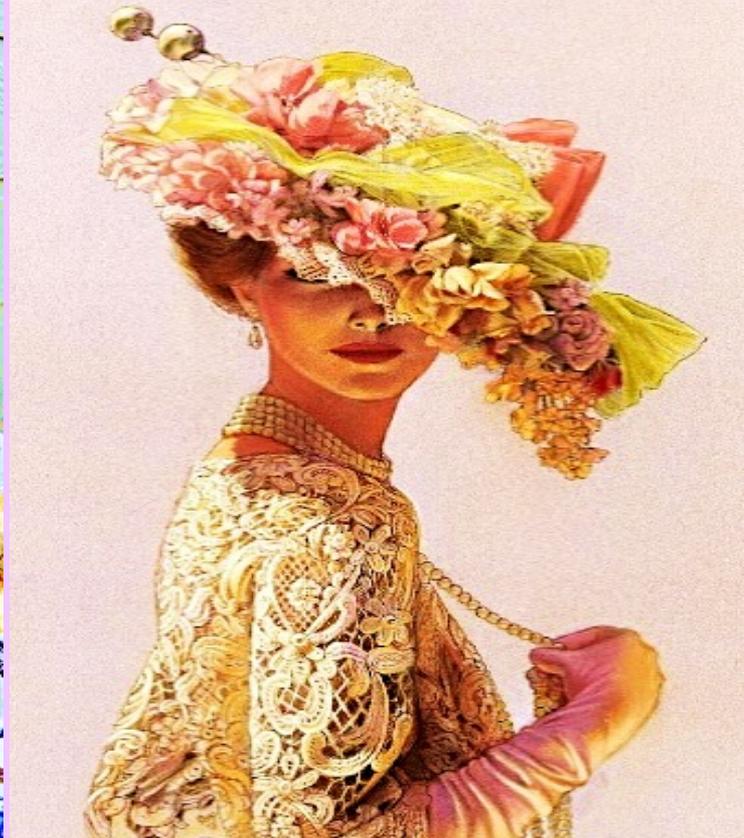
*For more information about our FD program for kids,
contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at
religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org.*

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

temp.riverofgrassuu.org

Flowing River Sangha:

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



Victorian Afternoon Tea Party

Auction Event at A-9

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026, 3:30 - 5:00

Only \$30 for an afternoon of
fun & elegance.

Do you know why they serve small sandwiches and sweets at tea parties? Join new members Trish, Jane, Barbara, and Elly and find out.

Enjoy a cup of tea served in China cups, some trivia questions with prizes, lively conversation, and a Hat contest!

Yes, we will be wearing our finest hats!

Contact Elly at
auction@riverofgrassuu.org for tickets



Update your anti-racist identity with this new UUA workshop fostering belonging and liberation in UU Congregations and Communities.

Classes begin February 8th in the sanctuary and will run most Sundays. Drop-ins welcome. There are 14 sessions, but they do not build on each other so it's okay to miss one.

We will be exploring histories and current expressions of colonization, indigenous erasure and anti-Blackness and will learn how to confront white entitlement and advocate for reparations while gaining a deeper Unitarian Universalist theology.

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



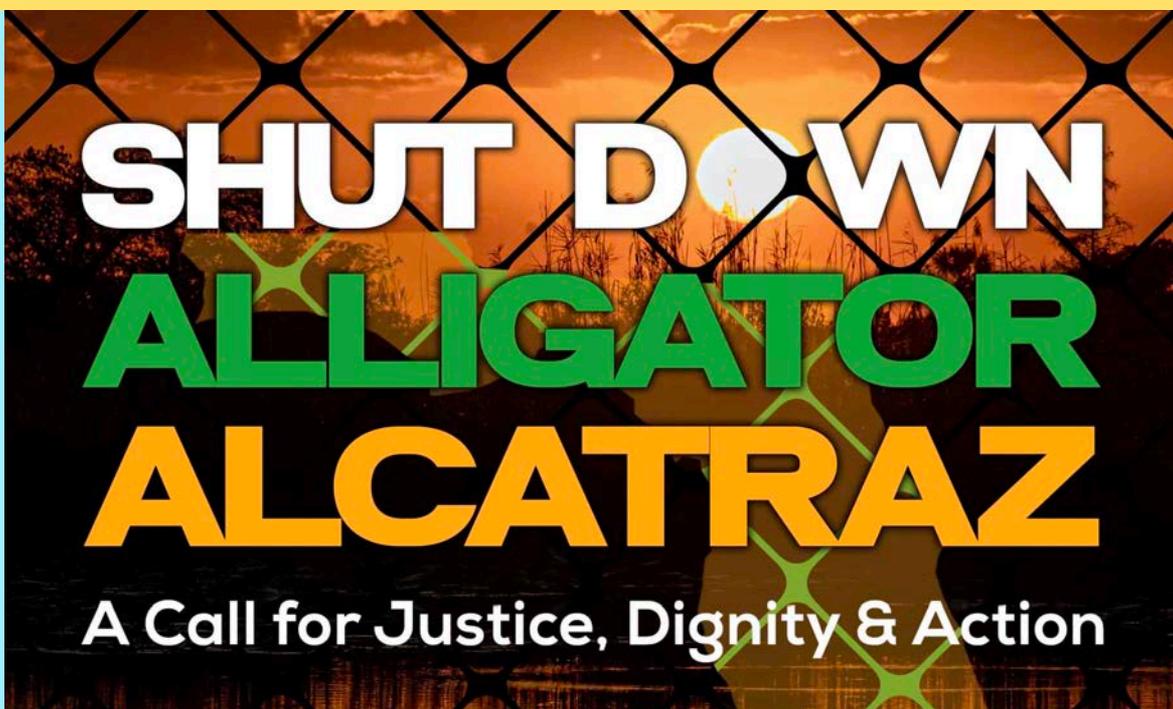
like and subscribe

 **facebook**

 **Instagram**

 **YouTube**

Help increase our visibility on social media!



**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 carpooling details:
andrewbunce@att.net



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday, January 31, 1pm 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:** Karen Gonzalez

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

Thursday, February 5, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

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

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

Sunday, February 8, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development:** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, February 8 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service: Navigating the Highs and Lows;** Robert Smith

Thursday, February 12, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, February 12, 7pm Zoom mUUvies **Kartini, Princess of Java** Kathy and 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>

Karen Gonzalez religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org

Andy Bunce andrewbunce@att.net

Leana Bresnahan president@riverofgrassuu.org
membership@riverofgrassuu.org

Steve Jens-Rochow. stevejensrochow@gmail.com

Ken Bresnahan mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org

Men's Group

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

Kathy Jens-Rochow. kjensrochow@gmail.com

Diane Lade dlade@bellsouth.net

Peter Meerwarth musicdirector@riverofgrassuu.org

Elly Keane ellykeane19@gmail.com

Order of Service for February 1, 2026

10:25 Morning Sing

#38 Morning Has Broken; Words: Eleanor Farjean, Music: Gaelic Melody

#100 I've Got Peace Like a River; Words and Music: Marvin V Frey

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

Ringing of the Chimes Chalice Lighter: Katelyn Lawless Coker

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship The Soft, Stubborn Practice* by Rev. Michelle Collins

Opening Music #18 What Wondrous Love; Words: American Folk Hymn,

Music: Melody from The Southern Harmony 1835

Chalice Lighting Chalice Lighter: Katelyn Lawless Coker

The Flame Arising from Us by Rev. Scott Tayler

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 One Love by Bob Marley

Wisdom Story Come Over to My House by Eliza Hull. Illus by Sally Rippin

Singing the Children to their Classes

Deepening Music #1002 Comfort Me; Words, Music: Mimi Bornstein-

Dob Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response The Strength of Water by Jamila Batchelder & Rev.

Molly Housh Gordon

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

Watts 1674-1748

Heritage Ed Rogers.

Hope Uplift Access Gretchen Maune Accessibility Resources Dir, UUA

Message My Disability Is a Blessing Steve Jens-Rochow

Closing Music #1021 Lean on Me; Words and Music: Bill Withers

Closing Words May Resilience Cascade by Rev. Dr. Rebekah Savage

Extinguishing the Chalice In to the Uncertain Hours Ahead by Rev.

Michelle Collins

Announcements

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Music Reprise



River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation

temp.riverofgrassuu.org

River of Grass UU Congregation is on FaceBook.

Unsubscribe - If you do not wish to receive this weekly email,
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.*

Steve Jens-Rochow, Editor
stevejensrochow@gmail.com



