

River of Grass



Celebrating 27 Years

Jon Kitner/Spiritual Art

# 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, March 5, 2026

Sunday Service March 8, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Paying Attention

### **Mindful Attention Just Might Transform Your Life**

Andy Bunce, Edye Groseclose and Gary Gonzalez



KaivalyaDhama

The simple practice of  
learning to be more mindful  
in the present moment  
of our experience  
can have profound impact on  
how we relate to ourselves and others.

## ***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).

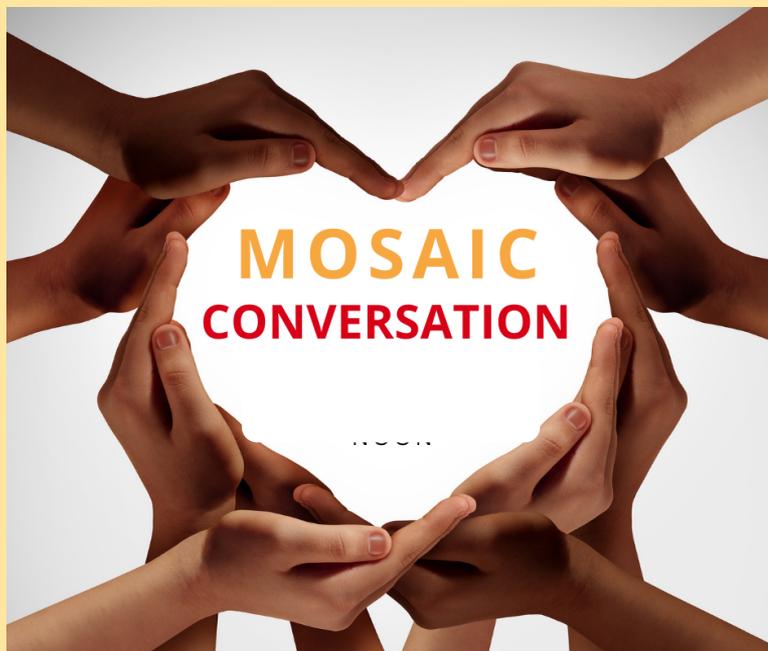
Childcare provided

**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**



As we continue our anti-racism work in  
our Faith Development program,  
our Littles will be talking about boundaries;  
how to respect other people's and  
how to respond with kindness  
when others disrespect your own.

Our Middlers will also be looking towards  
boundaries and respect in their  
conversation about De-colonization and repair.

*For more information about our FD program for kids,  
contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at  
[religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org)*

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

[riverofgrassuu.org](http://riverofgrassuu.org)

Flowing River Sangha:

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

Spring Ahead this  
Sunday at 2am



Daylight Saving Time 2026

**SPRING  
FORWARD**

Sunday, March 8, 2026

2:00 AM → 3:00 AM

*Clocks move forward 1 hour to local daylight time.*

# River of Grass Annual Pledge Drive



March 1 – 31, 2026

*You are the Power that keeps  
The River going!*

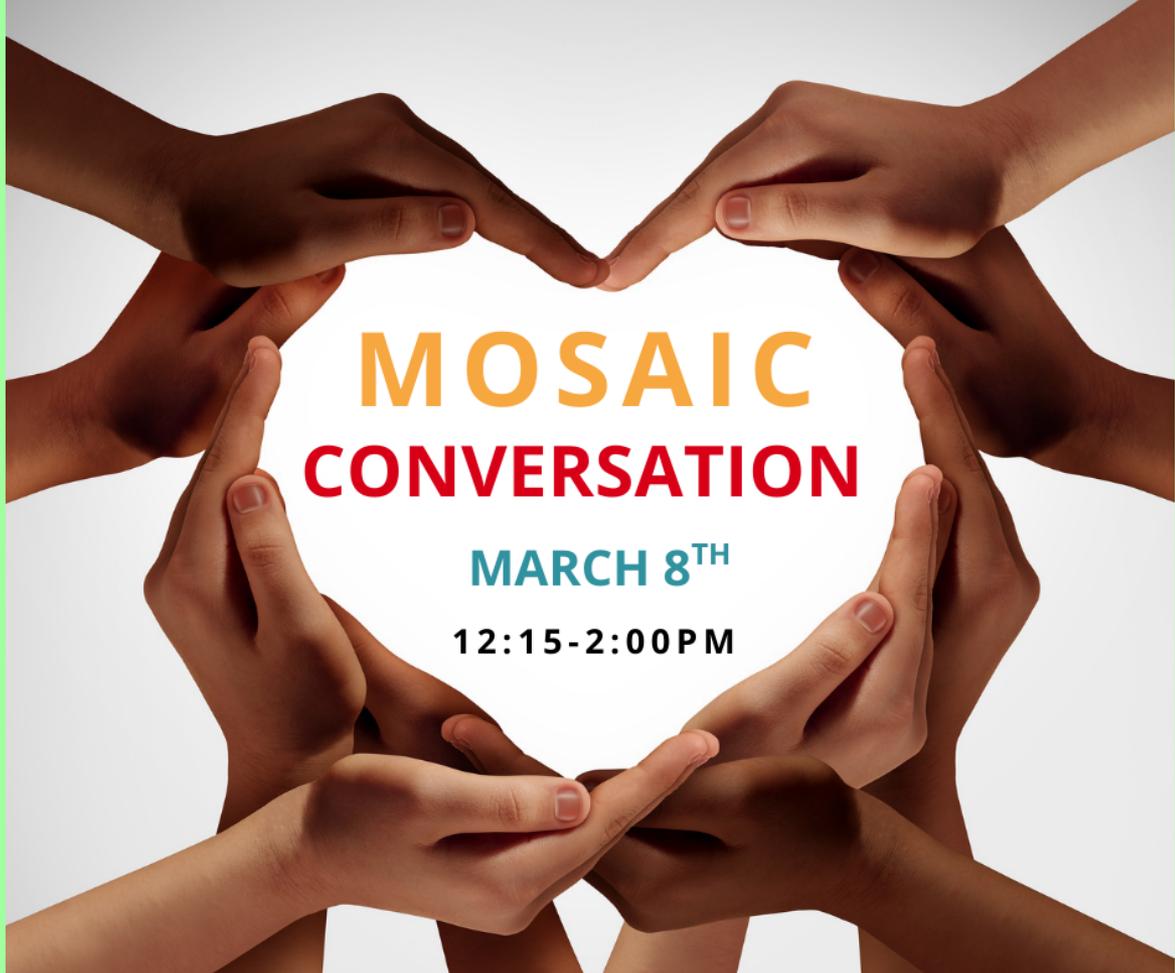
Please, fill out your pledge card on line  
by clicking on the link below or by scanning  
the QR code.

If you'd like a paper card,  
they will be available on Sunday and in a  
mailing coming your way.

See Ken and Rita or  
email [stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org)

<https://riverofgrassuu.org/2026-2027-pledge-card.html>





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

The second session of the new MOSAIC Anti-racism training will take place this Sunday, at 12:15.

We'll take a deep dive into just what White Supremacy is and how we can be allies for racial equity. We have a fabulous lecture to watch, so be prepared to stay through to 2:00pm.

Karen Gonzalez, Director of Faith Development  
[Faitdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:Faitdevelopment@riverofgrassuu.org)



# TRET FURE

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 7pm, A9  
[doors open 6pm]

\$30 advance, \$35 at the door  
QR code below



an award-winning singer songwriter  
whose music demonstrates a  
willingness to confront the most  
pressing issues of our day w/courage,  
compassion & a deep sense of humanity.  
"Her songs speak to the heart & the soul."

**Scan or Click**



**For Tickets**

**River of Grass Auction  
Offers  
TWO TICKETS FOR**



**The Best of Whitney, Patti, Gladys,  
Tina, & More**

**Rose and Alfred Miniaci**

**Performing Arts Center**

**Nova Southeastern University**

**March 13, 2026, 8:00pm**

**Value 2x\$41.20;**

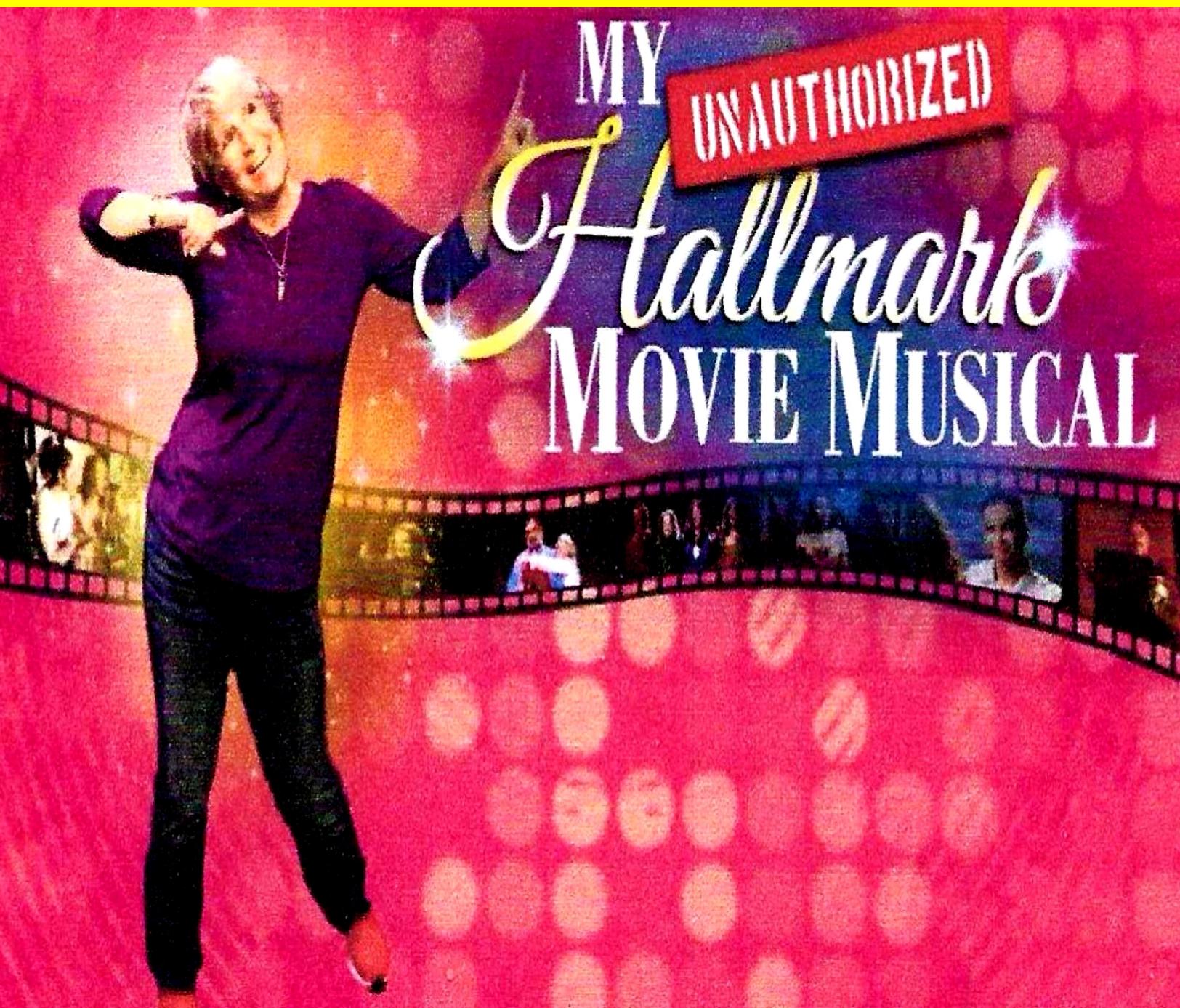
**sacrifice at \$60**

**See Elly for tickets;**

**[auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org)**



River of Grass Auction  
offers  
**TWO TICKETS FOR**



**Rose and Alfred Miniaci**  
**Performing Arts Cener**  
**Nova Southeastern University**  
**March 7, 2026, 7:30pm**

**Value 2x\$47.20;**  
**sacrifice at \$70**

**See Elly for tickets;**  
**[auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org)**





**APRIL 18, 5-9**

**Long Key Nature Center**

3501 SW 130th Ave, Davie

**River of Grass**

**In Person Silent Auction**

*Our River:*

*Flowing, Growing, our Inspiration*

Committee forming: Help is needed:

- Getting Donations
- Catalogue
- Decoration, Baskets
- Food; Setup and Cleanup
- Music

See Elly for tickets; [auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org)



# *Paying Attention*

## **March Worship**

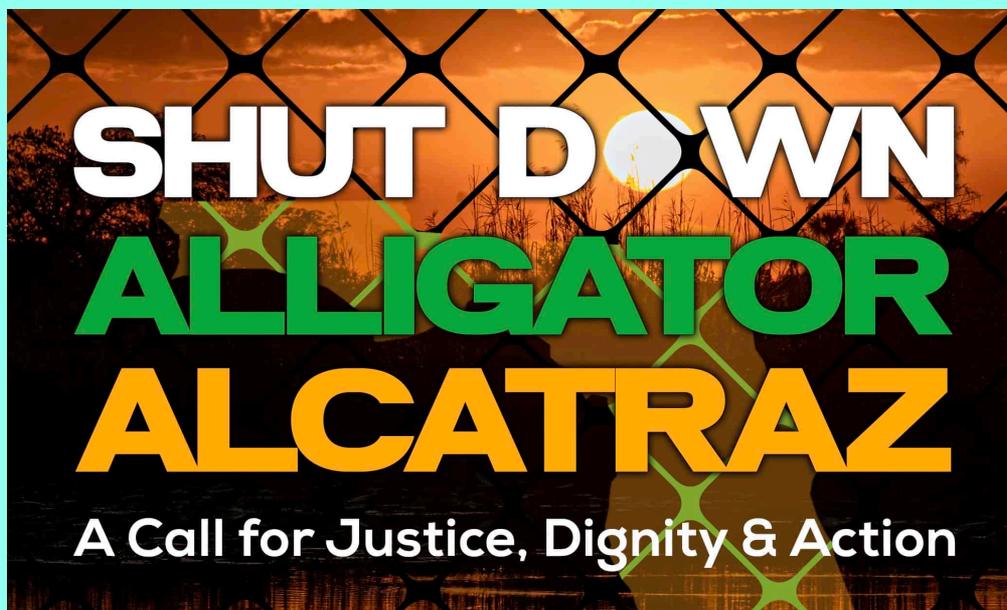
**1<sup>st</sup>** - Love is the Water that Wears  
Down the Rock - *Annual Pledge  
Drive Kickoff*

**8<sup>th</sup>** - Mindful Attention

**15<sup>th</sup>** - Miraculous Mindfulness

**22<sup>nd</sup>** - Time Will Tell *with Tret Fure*

**29<sup>th</sup>** - Being Present at Passover



**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 carpool details: [andrewbunce@att.net](mailto:andrewbunce@att.net)



## **Spiritual Art's Values Banners Love Is At the Center**

Spiritual Artists who created the banners are:  
Milton Carp, Theo Lucas, Elly Keane, Steve  
Jens-Rochow, Marg Madden and Jan Kelly

Thanks to Andy Bunce and Theo Lucas for  
hanging the banners.

And thanks to hand prints from 5 of our  
Faith Development Kids.

# Eat, Play, Love



## Community Potluck and Trivia for all ages

11850 State Road 84 suite A9

6:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, March 13, 7pm A-9

Marimar Tena

Hospitality and Nursery Attendant

Marimar Tena's first day at River of Grass was in February 2022. Marimar will be greatly missed by us all, and most especially by our youngest.

*Her letter:* Dear Leana, I want to thank you and the entire congregation for all your demonstrations of affection and for how well you always took care of me. Thank you for making me feel part of a family. With a big hug and a kiss, Marimar Tena.

Hola Leana, quería agradecerle a ti y a toda la congregación, las muestras de cariño y todas las atenciones que tuvieron conmigo. Gracias por hacerme sentir como parte de una familia. Recibe un fuerte abrazo y un beso.



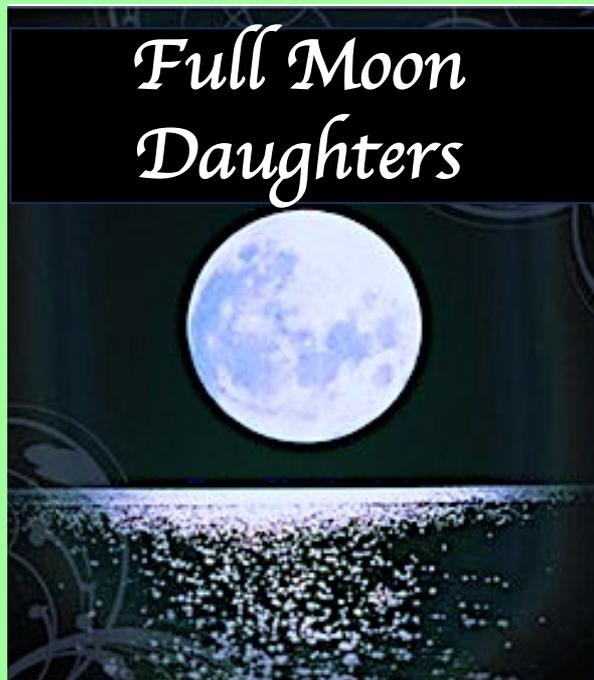
***Share your dreams, your hopes and  
your inspiration for our River  
on the  
Banner on the back wall.***

Members and friends alike are invited to bring to light our personal dreams and hopes for River of Grass as a congregation by writing them on our Dreams Wall at the back of the sanctuary.

We will use what is shared as we begin the process of reimagining our Mission Statement and our Grand Aspiration (Vision) for River of Grass.



Join the



For an

Everglades Tram Ride and Potluck Picnic  
on Saturday, March 14



Meet at A9 to carpool to Shark Valley in  
Everglades National Park at 8:20am.

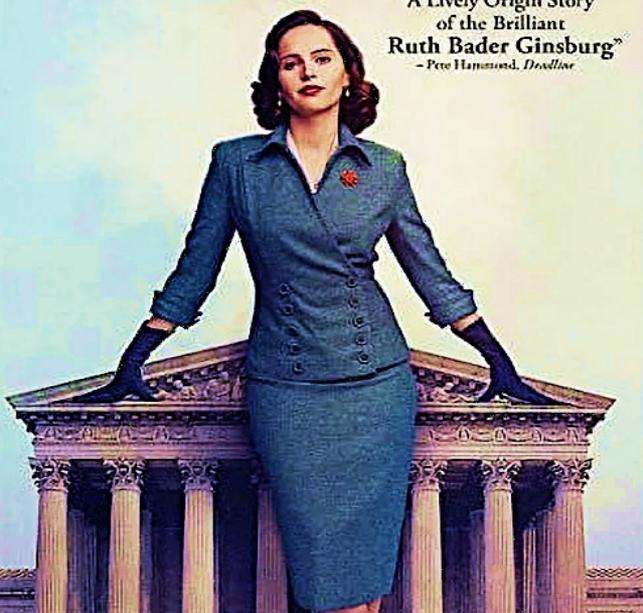
We'll enjoy a guided tram tour through the glades and  
learn about the history and ecology of this  
magnificent wonder! We'll share in a potluck picnic  
while soaking in more beautiful South Florida weather  
before heading home.

This event has a fee of at least \$35 and is open to all  
ages who identify as female.

RSVP to Karen to reserve your seat before they sell  
out! [religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org)

# ON THE BASIS of SEX

"A Lively Origin Story  
of the Brilliant  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg"  
- Pete Hamedt, *Deadline*



mUUVies will discuss

## On the Basis of Sex

*The origin story of the brilliant  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

on Thur, March 12, 7pm Zoom

Steve & Kathy Jens-Rochow

Zoom-stevejensrochow@gmail.com

Ruth Bader Ginsburg's first sex discrimination case. She brings a groundbreaking case to the US Supreme Court that overturns a century of gender discrimination.

Directed by [Mimi Leder](#) and written by Daniel Stiepleman (Ginsburg's real-life nephew).

Available on Netflix

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## On Tyranny, Twenty Lessons From the 20th Century

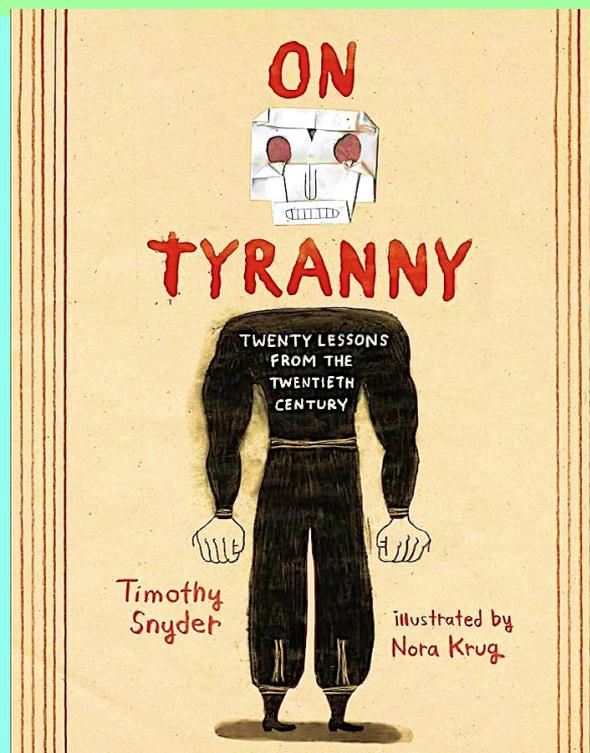
by

Timothy Snyder

on Wed., March 21, 7pm,

Steve & Kathy Jens-Rochow

Zoom: stevejensrochow@gmail.com



This book focuses on the concept of tyranny in the modern US, analyzing what Tim Snyder calls America's turn towards authoritarianism.

Explaining that history doesn't repeat but it does instruct, he analyzes 20th century Europe to identify conditions that can enable established democracies to transform into dictatorships.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday, March 5, 7pm Zoom **Men's Group Topic: A World Without Others?** Ken Bresnahan

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

Sunday, March 8, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service;**

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

Sunday, March 8, 12 noon A-9 **Mosaic Anti Racism** Karen Gonzalez

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

Thursday, March 12, 7pm Zoom mUUVies **On the Basis of Sex**  
Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

Friday, March 13, 7pm A-9 **Eat Play Love Potluck** Karen Gonzalez

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

Sunday, March 15, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service; Miraculous Mindfulness;** Robert Smith

Sunday, March 15, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development**  
Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, March 19, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**  
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, March 19, 7pm Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, March 21, 7pm **River of Grass Café Series: Tret Fure**  
Ken 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 March 8, 2026

**MORNING SING** Oh, Let Us Gather; Words and Music: RevAmy Carol Webb

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES** Ally Diaz/**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** What a Wonderful World by George David Weiss

**WELCOME continued**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** To Remind Ourselves What Is Real by Elena Westbrook

**OPENING MUSIC** All Right Now by Andy Fraser and Paul Rodgers

**CHALICE LIGHTING** by Lore Stevens

With this chalice, may we kindle the flame of our attention.

Not too fiery or wild, spreading without cause or care.

Not too dim or fading, unfocused and ineffective.

But, like a cheerful cookfire in a cozy hearth,

like a comforting candle, flickering yet steady,

may our attention be befriended, directed, and sustained

for the betterment of all humankind.

**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

**APD Testimonial** Diane Lade

**APD Update** Ken Bresnahan

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** #402 From You I Receive; Words&Music: Joseph&Nathan Segal

**CANDLES OF COMMUNITY**

**STONES RITUAL**

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**PASTORAL RESPONSE**

**WISDOM TALE** The Farmer's Luck a Zen Parable

**PASTORAL RESPONSE continued---**

**SUNG RESPONSE** #371, #381; Music: Genevan Psalter 1551, Words: Isaac

Watts 1674-1748

**HERITAGE** Unitarian Universalism and Buddhism **HOPE** River of Grass Sangha

**DEEPENING MUSIC** #38 Morning Has Broken; Words; Eleanor Farjeon, Music:

Gaelic Melody

**MESSAGE** Mindful Attention Just Might Transform Your Life Andy Bunce

**CLOSING SONG** Moonshadow by Cat Sevens

**CLOSING WORDS** Blooming of the Lotus Meditation by Thich Nhat Hanh

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**INSTRUMENTAL REPRISAL** #38 Morning has Broken; Words; Eleanor Farjeon,

Music: Gaelic Melody

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INVITE TO HOSPITALITY**

**SENDING/SHINE ON**

**MUSIC REPRISE** What a Wonderful World by George David Weiss



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*All announcements will pertain to congregational life  
and affiliated groups and and will be for activities or  
events occurring within two weeks.*

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have the approval of the President.*

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