



Celebrating 27 Years

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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 19, 2026

Sunday Service March 22, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Paying Attention

Time Wil Tell

Tret Fure



“We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us.”

Joseph Campbell

“In the midst of the anger and frustration is hope—hope that we are here, hope that a loving world is indeed possible, hope in the faith that love can and will triumph over hate.

Remember, today and forward into this trying year and the years to come: You [are] worthy of love. At all times and despite actions or words from others, you are worthy of love. And, you are responsible for promoting the justice you seek in the world.

You are the love we are praying for.” *Andrew Weber*

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 week in our Faith Development program
we'll be exploring the
Value of Generosity.

We'll share our gratitude and our hope and
create coin purses to hold our weekly offerings.

*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>

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 below.

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

See Ken and Rita or
email stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org

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



River of Grass Annual Pledge Drive



PLEDGES FOR 2026-2027 ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE (APD) --- AS OF 14 MAR

							\$	%	FROM	
1	\$35,000	21	\$1,500	41	\$300	61	87%	100	46%	
2	\$25,000	22	\$1,500	42	\$300	62				
3	\$25,000	23	\$1,275	43	\$250	63				
4	\$21,600	24	\$1,250	44	\$100	64				
5	\$14,400	25	\$1,200	45	\$100	65				
6	\$8,400	26	\$1,200	46-96		66				
7	\$8,000	27	\$1,200	Total	\$209,157	67				75
8	\$8,000	28	\$1,000	48		68				
9	\$7,200	29	\$1,000	49		69				
10	\$6,600	30	\$1,000	50		70				
11	\$5,000	31	\$960	51		71		50		
12	\$4,200	32	\$720	52		72				
13	\$4,200	33	\$600	53		73				
14	\$3,300	34	\$600	54		74				
15	\$3,300	35	\$600	55		75		25		
16	\$2,940	36	\$500	56		76				
17	\$2,500	37	\$500	57		77				
18	\$2,292	38	\$400	58		78				
19	\$2,000	39	\$360	59		79				
20	\$1,500	40	\$310	60		80				

Pledged \$209,157 of \$240,000. 87%

Pledge Units 45 of 96 46%

Over Target Avg [\$2500] 17

Friends 4

With 1 week remaining in this year's Annual Pledge Drive, we have received pledges amounting to \$208,157 (or 87% of our target), from just under half of our membership.

Thank you to those who have pledged; for those still looking for that "round tuit," you have 1 more week to click on the green "Pledge Now" button at the top of our homepage."

Amounts of ANY size are cherished.

You are the Power that keeps the River going!
email stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org



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

MOSAIC continues this Sunday at 12:15pm in the sanctuary.

Sunday's adult Anti-racism program will guide us to explore our fears about the Abolition of Policing.

The idea seems pretty radical, but consider the *real* goal isn't to terminate the police so much as frame the discussion in a way that makes radical change possible. Join us as we learn together.

Karen Gonzalez, Director of Faith Development
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



Beating Hearts Drum Circle

Friday, March 20, 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

River of Grass Masquerade Ball and Auction April 18, 2026, 5-9

Long Key Nature Center 3501 SW 130 Ave, Davie



Discover a world of possibility
at the River of Grass
Masquerade Ball and Auction.

We like to party - enjoy an Elegant Dinner,
Dancing to a live jazz trio
and a Silent Auction.

Bring your friends and neighbors.

Masks and Flowers are encouraged.

Formal to cocktail attire.

QR codes for 3 tiers of tickets below.



Elly auction@riverofgrassuu.org

QR codes to purchase tickets are below:

ROG 2025/2026 Auction -
Suggested Price



Suggest price \$50

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/5M69RBS5SHEXG>

2025/2026 Auction Ticket -
Pay it Forward



Pay it forward \$80

I can afford to help others who can't afford to buy a ticket at the suggested price.

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/6Z5NRPZSSPB88>

2025/2026 Auction Ticket -
Economy



Economy \$30

Finances are tight, but I can afford the economy price.

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/TSSZ5DJV32RYS>

River of Grass Masquerade Ball and Auction

***No auction can happen without
items to auction.***

There is a busy team reaching out to local restaurants
and businesses for donations.

Yet we know many of you patronize your
own favorite place.

The team is asking if you can reach
out to them for a donation.

Donation letters are attached at the
end of the newsletter
and in the hall.

Please take one with you.

Restaurant and Business Donations

Need to be returned to Elly
by **Wednesday, April 8th**.

Individual Donations and Baskets:

Please return to Elly by **Monday, April 6th**
with a picture if possible.

Elly auction@riverofgrassuu.org





Do you enjoy Hospitality?

Everyone's help is needed with snacks.

Please sign up to bring something
sweet or savory.

Signup sheet is on the
wall in Hospitality.
Or speak to Elly.



Paying Attention

March Worship

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

8th - Mindful Attention

15th - Miraculous Mindfulness

22nd - Time Will Tell *with Tret Fure*

29th - 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



FLORIDA AIDS WALK

and Festival

Fort Lauderdale Beach

Saturday, March 21, 9:30

Join a group from UU Miami



NO KINGS

Saturday, March 28

Coral Springs University Drive & Sample Rd

Hollywood Young Circle 11 - 1

When our families are under attack and costs are pushing people to the brink, silence is not an option.

We will defend ourselves and our communities against this administration's unjust and cruel acts of violence.

America does not belong to strongmen, greedy billionaires, or those who rule through fear.

It belongs to us, the people.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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, 11am **Monthly Board Meeting** Leana
Bresnahan

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

Sunday, March 22, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, March 22, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship
Service Time will Tell; Tret Fure** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, March 22, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development**
Karen Gonzalez

Wednesday, March 25, 7pm Zoom bUUKies **Beautiful Family**
Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Thursday, March 26, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, March 29, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, March 29, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship
Service Passover Haggadah** Peter Fox, Pam Kelner, Bennett
Lorman; Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, March 29, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development**
Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, April 2, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, April 2, 7pm Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan



Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May
Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNjRRC9qRIJPQT09>

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 March 22, 2026

10:25 Morning Sing

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

#1027 Cuando el Pobre; Verses 1 & 2; Words [Spanish]: Jose Antonio Oliver,
[English]: Martin A Seltz; Music: Jose Antonio Oliver et. al.

Let Us Gather Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Welcome

Prelude Piece of the Sky by Tret Fure

Welcome Cont.

Call to Worship

Opening Music The Zen of Being by Tret Fure

Chalice Lighting by Pat Uribe-Lichy

*Our chalice is a symbol of our commitment to each other
and to ourselves.*

*We light it today as a gathered community
that we may understand more completely and act more boldly
and hope more fiercely.*

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 aquadromes muta mentee.*

Wisdom Story Spread It Around by Tret Fure

Singing the Children to Classes

APD Testimonial Elly Keane

Offering

Offertory The Tie That Binds by Tret Fure

Deepening Music #1015 I Know I Can; Words: Dennis Hamilton; Music: Jeanne Gagnon

Candles of Community

Stones Ritual; Moment of Reflection

Pastoral Response

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

Message Time Will Tell; Tret Fure

Songs within the message: *Time Will Tell, Always, Forever and Now,
Monuments and Hope*

Closing Music In This Circle by Tret Fure

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Invite to Hospitality

Sending; Shine On / Music Reprise



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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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