



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, May 28, 2026

Sunday Service May 31, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Awakening Curiosity

With Open Minds and Loving Hearts:

Faith Development Sunday Karen Gonzalez



“A child’s world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement. It is our misfortune that for most of us that clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood. If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over all children, I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life, as an unfailing antidote against the boredom and disenchantments of later years, the sterile preoccupation with things that are artificial, the alienation from the sources of our strength.” Rachel Carson

Join us this Sunday as we lean in with an open mind and a loving heart to celebrate the ever-growing faith of our community. Hear from learners of all ages as they share their awakening curiosity.

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
A-9 + Zoom; link 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



Our Children and Youth are assisting in
Sunday's Worship Service
**With Open Minds and Loving Hearts:
Faith Development Sunday**

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

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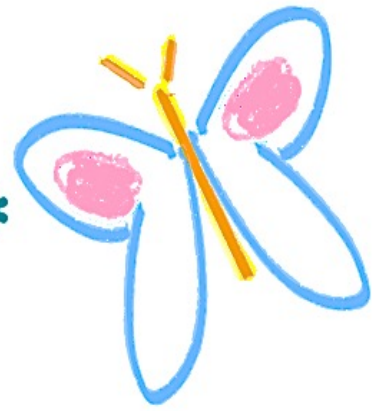
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Flowing River Sangha:

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We are seeking a Nursery Caregiver*



To apply, reach out to
Personnel@RiverofGrassUU.org

***Job may or may not include
housekeeping duties.**



Alligator Alcatraz is scheduled to close in June.

*No court cases have been settled,
but Gov DeSantis has decided to relocate all of
the people who have yet to be deported
to other detention centers in Florida.*

*The weekly vigils continue as long as people are
incarcerated there; we gather to send hope, love
and support to the people inside.*

*See Andy Bunce if you'd like to attend one of the
vigils in the coming weeks.*

The vigils are 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

JUNE 7TH IS FLOWER COMMUNION SUNDAY

BRING A FLOWER TO SHARE
FOR EACH MEMBER
OF YOUR FAMILY



Punjabi Era



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We all like to grab a little something to have with our coffee/tea during hospitality.

Please sign up to bring something; either homemade goodness you create, or store bought.

Signup is in hospitality.

Elly Keane elly.keane19@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 28, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Saturday, May 30, A-9 Board Meeting Leana Bresnahan

Sunday, May 31, 8:15am A-9 +Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, May 31, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service; With Open Minds and Loving Hearts, Faith Development Sunday** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, June 4, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, June 4, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, June 6, **Leadership Roundtable**, Zoom, Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, June 7, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, June 7, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service; Flower Communion** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, June 11, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, June 11, 7pm Zoom **mUUVies; Concrete Cowboy**
Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, June 14, 8:15am A-9 +Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, June 14, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service Flower Communion** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, June 18, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, June 18, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82686665851?pwd=kF4kTZS0dA7mK3HM2FXXalsxV1bJX0.1>

Worship Service:

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

Gary Gonzalez Sangha

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Men's Group

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Order of Service for May 31, 2026

Morning Sing;

Becoming by Mary Grigolia Peter Meerwarth, Piano

#1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place; Words and Music: Joyce Poley

Oh, Let Us Gather Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude The Kindergarten Song by Bob Robson

Welcome

Call to Worship “Welcome to this Community of Seekers” by Alexis Engelbrecht

Opening Hymn #338 I Seek the Spirit of a Child; Words: Carl G Seaborg, Music: Traditional English Melody

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice to celebrate Unitarian Universalism

Here, we have open minds

Here, we have loving hearts

Here, we have helping hands

Together, we care for our planet

And work for peace and friendship in our world

Covenant

Offering/Offertory #402 From You I Receive; Words and Music: Joseph and Nathan Segal

Candles of Community / Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response “Prayer for Resilience Through Connections” by Michelle Collins

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

Wisdom Tale Anansi and the Pot of Wisdom, a tale from Ghana, West Africa

Heritage Angus MacLean

Hope Cathy Seggel and Leia Durland-Jones

Deepening Hymn #318 We Would Be One; Words: Samuel Anthony Wright, Music: Jean Sibelius, Peter Meerwarth, piano

Message “With Open Minds and Loving Hearts” Karen Gonzalez and Friends

Testimonials by Theo Lucas and Stephanie Nichols

Teacher Appreciation

Closing Hymn Becoming by Mary Grigolia, performed by Peter Meerwarth

Closing Words “May We be Changed” by Rev. Scott Tayler

Extinguishing the Chalice

We gather the warmth of love,

the light of truth, and the energy of action

into our hearts as we extinguish the chalice,

and go back into the world of doing and saying.

We carry this light forward

into the dawning and the setting day.

Announcements / Invite to Hospitality

Shine On / Music Reprise



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*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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