



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, June 4, 2026

Sunday Service June 7, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Flourishing Together

Flower Power: A Communion Karen Gonzalez

Even if we did not sever their relationship to the earth, a flower's time is limited.

In fact, their vulnerability is one of the things that makes them so beautiful.

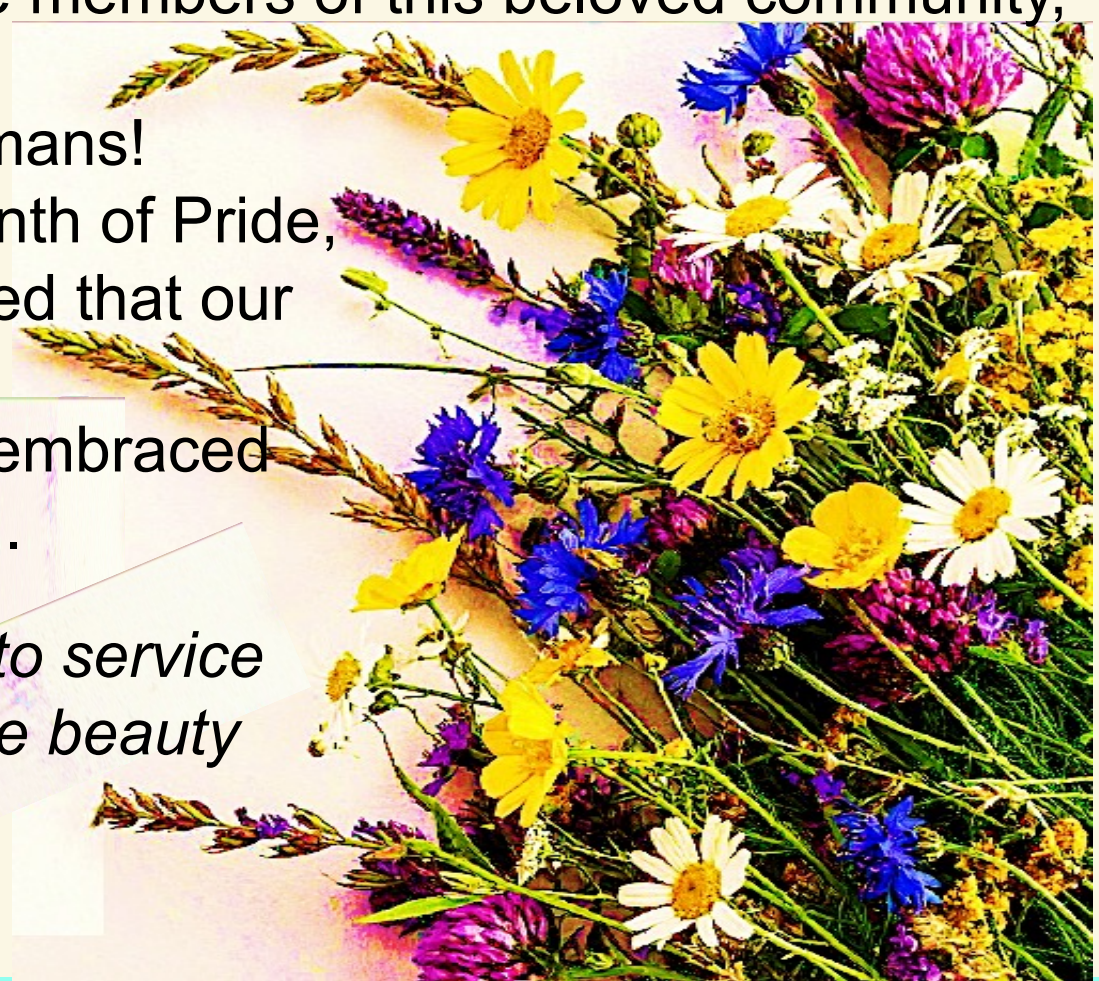
We feel compelled to admire them because we know their beauty is fleeting.

Are we not like the flowers? Our time too is limited, our beauty fleeting. Our vulnerabilities draw us to one another and open our hearts to be compassionate members of this beloved community, this beautiful

bouquet of humans!

During this month of Pride, we are reminded that our individualities deserve to be embraced and celebrated.

Bring a flower to service to represent the beauty of you!



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



River of Grass's Children and Youth
are worshipping with us this Sunday.
There are no separate classes for them.

*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://us06web.zoom.us/j/82686665851?pwd=kF4kTZS0dA7mK3HM2FXXalsxV1bJX0.1#success>

JUNE 7TH IS FLOWER COMMUNION SUNDAY

BRING A FLOWER TO SHARE
FOR EACH MEMBER
OF YOUR FAMILY



Flourishing Together in June

June 7th - Flower Power; A Communion

June 14th - A Wild and Precious Life

June 21st - Meet the Moment: Together Everywhere

June 28th - Music is What Love Sounds Like

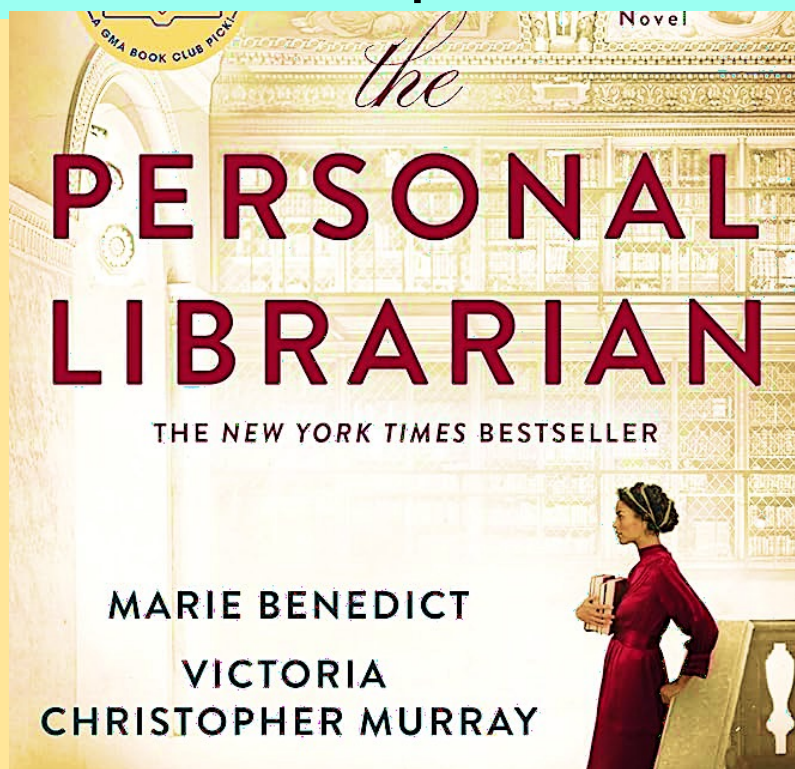




Sent to live with his estranged father for the summer, a rebellious teenager finds kinship with the tight-knit community of Black cowboys.

Director Ricky Staub Netflix

mUUVies will discuss Concrete Cowboy on Thursday, June 11 at 7p on Zoom. Link below

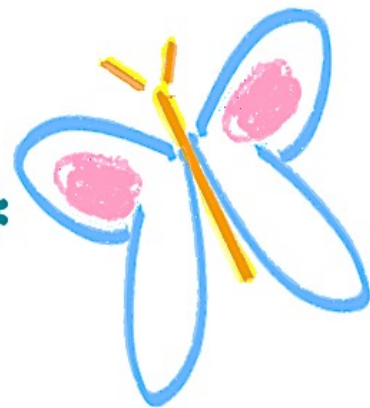


This book is a historical novel based on the life of Belle da Costa Greene, the personal librarian of JP Morgan. The novel explores the themes of race and identity as Belle was a Black woman who passed as white.

bUUKies will discuss Personal Librarian on Wednesday, June 24, 7p on Zoom. Link below



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



*A UU raised in our Faith Tradition,
He recently ran for the US Senate in Iowa.*

From UUCFL's cUUrier:

On January 31, 2011, high schooler **Zach Wahls** addressed the Iowa House Judiciary Committee in a public hearing on a proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage in Iowa.

A video of his testimony posted on YouTube went viral. It had 15 million views in 3 months..

After an Ivy League education, Zach went on to serve in the Iowa state senate.

Zach Wahls is a lifelong UU.

The passion for his now-famous speech came from the fact that Zach is the son of a lesbian couple.

Raised in our UU tradition, Zach's values have served him well in his public life.

In last Tuesday's primary in Iowa Zach Wahls did not win the Democratic Primary.

Interfaith

PRIDE

Worship Service

All Are Welcome!

Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.

United Church of Christ Fort Lauderdale

2501 NE 30th St.

Fort Lauderdale, 33306

Come As You Are

...to an interfaith experience with
extravagant love, dignity, and belonging for
all people.

Music by the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida, with reception afterward.



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FORT LAUDERDALE
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GMCSF
GAY MEN'S CHORUS
OF SOUTH FLORIDA

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Your link to LGBTQ+
Arts, Entertainment & Travel

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of Broward County

We have been invited to participate in
an Interfaith PRIDE Worship
at the United Church of Christ in Fort Lauderdale on
Wednesday June 10th at 7:00pm.

Our Religious Educator, Karen Gonzalez,
will speak on our behalf.
Please let her know if you will be in attendance.

ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org



LGBTQ+ Pride Month takes place throughout June, commemorating the historic 1969 Stonewall riots.



The Stonewall Riots were a series of spontaneous, sometimes violent protests and demonstrations in reaction to a police raid on June 28, 1969 at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in NYC. The riots were led by Martha Johnson and other Drag Queens. As drag performers they were comfortable in public.

Stonewall Pride Festival and Parade in Wilton Manors, this is Broward's largest Pride celebration. Volunteers and attendees gather to celebrate equality and community, with main events occurring on June 20, 2026 from 3pm to 11pm.

Tickets and info:

<https://www.stonewallpride.lgbt/>





UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Topic:
Embracing One's Gifts** Ken Bresnahan

Saturday, June 6, A-9 1pm **Leadership Roundtable** 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 Power: A 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

Friday, June 12, 7pm A-9 **Eat, Play Love Potluck** Karen
Gonzalez

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

Sunday, June 14, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship
Service - Wild and Precious Life** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, June 14, 10:30am A-9 **Children's Faith Development**
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

Sunday, June 21, 8:15am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, June 21, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship
Service - Meet the Moment: Together Everywhere Livestream
from General Assembly** Robert Smith

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

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

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Gary Gonzalez Sangha

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Men's Group

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Order of Service for June 7, 2026

Morning Sing

#349 Here We Have Gathered; Words: Dorothy Craiger Senghas, Music: Adrian Valerius's Nederlandish Gedenckclanck 1626

#78 Color and Fragrance; Words and Music: Norbert F Cåpek
Oh, Let us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude Imagine by John Lennon, River of Grass Choir

Welcome

Call to Worship With the Encouragement of Others; Soul Matters

Opening Hymn #305 De Colores; Words: David Arkin, Music: Traditional Spanish Folk

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice for the quiet truths we carry,
and for the futures we're brave enough to write.

In this circle, we honor the courage it takes to live openly,
the softness that sustains us,

and the joy and power that grow when we gather.

As the chalice glows may we feel steadiness rise in us.

May we trust that our becoming—

messy, radiant, unfolding—wholly belongs to us.

Covenant

Offering/Offertory Sing a Song of Flowers Words & Music The Kiboomers

New Member Ceremony

June Birthdays Video

Candles of Community/Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response "Not made for isolation" by Michelle Collins

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

Wisdom Tale "Everything Possible" by Fred Small & Alison Brown

Heritage Norbert Capek

Hope LGBTQ+ Ministries

Deepening Hymn #78 Color and Fragrance; Words and Music:
Norbert F Cåpek

Message Flower Power Karen Gonzalez

Flower Communion Ritual

Special Music Waltz of the Flowers from Act 2 of The Nutcracker
by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikowsky

Closing Music Everything Possible by Fred Small; Gary Gonzalez, guitar

Closing Words The Days of Many Flowers by Tess Baumberg

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements/Invite to Hospitality

Shine On/Music Reprise



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by noon Wednesday.*

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and affiliated groups and and will be for activities or
events occurring within two weeks.*

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vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must
have the approval of the President.*

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