



River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, October 29, 2026

Sunday Service November 1, 2026

What Remains? By Adebayo Taiwo

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Monthly Theme:
Covenant
What Remains?
**A Remembrance
Ceremony**
RevNick

“We may not all agree about what remains of a person after death, or where they might be now.

But we can create a place together to honor what their lives have meant to us.”

As we enter this season of remembrance, we gather to honor the people who have shaped our lives and the love that continues beyond loss.

Through reflection and shared ritual, we will make space for grief, celebrate the lives we carry with us, consider what it means to remember, and reflect on what remains.

Sunday Worship 10:30am 11850 W SR 84 A-9, Davie
or **virtually:**

Our Mission

*We nurture our spirits, love intentionally,
and work to create a just and healthy planet.*



Gary Gonzalez's **Flowing River Sangha**
Gather 8:15, start 8:30 A-9 +

We come together to lament with and
celebrate with, and care for one another
in our community and our world.

November Sunday Worship Monthly Theme Covenant



November 8 – Rev. Nicole Jacobsen
UU Fellowship of Boca Raton

November 15 - **A Crowded Table – the River's
Hunger Communion** (Multi Gen) RevNick

November 22 - **Honoring Intent & Owning
Impact** RevNick

November 29 - **What We Owe One Another**
RevNick

Children's & Youth's Faith Development 10:30am

This Sunday, in our Faith Development program for children and youth, we'll be closing out our month of Questions and moving into Covenant.

Our Young Ones will be wrestling with the discomfort of not knowing and adding to their collaborative art project.

Middlers will be developing a class covenant after considering covenants found throughout history.

In our Nursery, Ellery Churchmouse has sent us so many pom poms to share!

We'll learn that there'll always be enough for us at River of Grass.

For more information about our Faith Development Program for children and youth, reach out to Director, Karen Gonzalez at ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org.



Daylight Savings ends 2am Sunday.

**How are you going to spend your
wild & precious hour?**



Kick off your Halloween fun with a
Spooky Movie Double Feature

on Friday, October 30, here at The River.

The kid's movie, ***Stitch Head*** (rated PG) will show at **6:00pm** during which time we will serve pizza and popcorn and other movie snacks.

The truly spooky ***Frankenstein*** (rated R), by Guillermo del Toro, will show at **8:00pm**. Unitarian Mary Shelley's classic inspired them both. Come for one or come for both. Come in costume, come in pajamas, come however you are.

But don't leave your courage at home!

There will be a sign-up sheet after service, and flyers available at the welcome desk.

RIVER OF GRASS ANNUAL AUCTION

TRIPS _{1 of 3}



Iceland

Starting Bid: \$4500

Five nights for two.

You begin at the *Sand Hotel*, where you'll settle into comfortable accommodation.

Early in your stay, you'll experience the *Blue Lagoon* premium experience—

- Iceland's celebrated geothermal hot springs where you can float in milky-blue mineral-rich waters surrounded by volcanic rock.

In Summer you'll experience the *Whale Watching Boat Tour* and see these magnificent creatures in Icelandic waters.

In winter you will see the *Northern Lights with a Boat Tour* for an unobstructed view of the aurora borealis dancing across the night sky.

Between these signature experiences, you'll have time to explore Iceland's dramatic volcanic landscapes, glaciers, & waterfalls at your own pace.

TRIPS 2 of 3



Copenhagen

Starting Bid: \$3500

Four or five nights for two.

After your arrival in Copenhagen you will check into the *Skt. Petri*, a 5-star hotel positioned perfectly for exploring the city's character, and then embark on a 1-hour *Canal Landmarks Tour*, gliding past the colorful façades of Nyhavn and the architectural landmarks that define Copenhagen's waterfront — the kind of intimate vantage point you only get from the water.

Later, you will dive into a 4-hour *Culinary Experience Tour*, tasting through the unique Scandinavian cuisine that has put Copenhagen on the global food map. You'll stroll through picturesque neighborhoods, soak in *Tivoli Gardens'* gardens and architecture, and move through the city at a pace that lets the mix of modern attractions and rich history sink in. Five nights means time to breathe, to return to a favorite neighborhood café, to let the rhythm of this vibrant city become personal.

TRIPS 3 of 3



Amsterdam

Starting Bid: \$3500

Four nights for two.

In Amsterdam you have one of *four hotel options* - each offering a distinct vantage point on the city. Over five nights, you will spend an afternoon on a *2-hour canal cruise*, drifting past the tulip-lined streets and historic canal-side buildings that define the city's character.

You will choose your *culinary adventure*: a food tour through the charming Jordaan neighborhood or the vibrant De Pijp district, sampling Dutch delicacies in cozy cafés & discovering local flavors.

Then *wander past the Van Gogh Museum* and other world-renowned cultural landmarks, moving at your own pace through neighborhoods filled with art and beauty.

Every moment is yours to shape—morning coffee on a canal-front terrace, afternoon museum visits, and evening strolls through picturesque streets.



If you use Gmail and have not been able to easily see the River of Grass Weekly Newsletter recently, it is likely because Gmail is automatically sending the newsletter to the "Promotions" folder.

To fix the issue you have 2 options:

Update sender classification:

Drag & drop the email with the Newsletter

from the Promotions folder to your Inbox, and click Yes when Gmail asks if you want to do this for future messages from that sender.

Turn off the Promotions tab:

Click on the Settings symbol (it looks like a gear);

click on "See All Settings",

go to the Inbox tab,

and uncheck "Promotions" under Categories to merge emails into your main inbox.



Leading abused children to safety &

^{stability}
River of Grass

Annual Christmas Toy Drive

This year the River has
60 children and youth
to bring holiday cheer.

Please choose your child from
the spread sheet by

1. extending the spread sheet
to the right,

2. filling in all 4 of the columns:

Name, Phone, Email, Drop Off Location

And bring your gift, unwrapped,
either to the River,
or Marilisa Lawless' front porch.

Deadline is December 6.



Justice Seekers invite everyone to the

Freedom Vigils

at the Broward Transitional Center,
3900 N Powerline Road, Pompano

*to protect and proclaim our UU values and
to protest the inhumane,
illegal detention of immigrants.*

Sunday, November 8, 5-6pm

Speakers will include local clergy and
representatives of immigrant rights groups.

Wear your Side with Love t-shirt, or yellow.

For information and for carpooling contact
justiceseekers@riverofgrassuu.org

*Over 70% of people in ICE Detention have no
criminal convictions.*



Order of Service for November 1, 2026

Morning Sing

Just as Long as I Have Breath #6; Words: Alicia S
Carpenter, Music: Johanne G Ebling

Spirit of Life #123; Words and Music: Carolyn McDade

My Life Flows on in Endless Song #109; Words: Early
Quaker Song, Music: American Gospel Tune

Welcome

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude – Breaths #1001; Words: Adopted from a poem by
Birago Diop, Music: Ysaye M Barnwell; River of Grass Choir

Welcome Cont.

Call to Worship – Prayer of Remembrance by Lori Walke

Opening Music – When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

#1008: Words and Music: Joyce Poley

Chalice Lighting – For Our Ancestors, Our Children,
Ourselves by Jennifer “Jaye” Brooks

Covenant

November Birthdays Video

Wisdom Story - Will It Be Okay? by Crescent
Dragonwagon, Illustrated by Jessica Love

Singing the Children to Classes [Webb]

Offering/Offertory – Instrumental

Deepening Music – The Lone Wild Bird #15; Words: H R
MacFayden, Music: William Walker’s Southern Harmony

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection – In My Quiet Sorrow #1006; Words
and Music: Jeannie Gagné

Pastoral Response

Message – What Remains RevNick Sanchez

Remembrance Ritual – Instrumental

Closing Music – Blue Boat Home #1064; Words: Peter
Meyer, Music: Roland Hugh Prichard

Closing Words – Inspired by Our Ancestors by Leia
Durland-Jones

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements / Invite to Hospitality

Shine On / Music Reprise



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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and affiliated groups and and will be for activities or
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