

# River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Welcome** to our River of Grass Family

**Welcome** to our Love; **Welcome** Home

Celebrating  
26 Years

Thursday, May 15, 2025



Sunday, May 18, 2025.

### **RIVERS ROLL ON:**

#### **There's a Place I Know**

*My soul has grown deep like the rivers.* (Langston Hughes)

In this month of Imagination at River of Grass, we gather on Annual Meeting Sunday to assess where we've been, where we are, where we need to go from here – and how. As people, and as “a” people – a congregation transforming the world even as it transforms itself. Just imagine what's to come!

## Our Mission

Nurture our spirits; love intentionally; create a just & sustainable world.

Come as you are Sunday morning at 10:30 – either **in-person in Davie** (info below) or **virtually on Zoom or Facebook** (links below).

Come a bit before and we can chat prior to the service. Come to:

- 11850 W State Road 84, Suite A-9, Davie, FL 33325
- Children's & youth's Faith Development at 10:30. Childcare provided.

### Faith Development for Kids & Youth:

This Sunday, our Faith Development students will be working on their presentations for FD Sunday on May 25th. They're excited to share some of what they've learned this year with the congregation.



For more information about our FD program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at [ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@RiverofGrassUU.org).

**Multi-platform Mindfulness Meditation Sundays A-9+Zoom**  
With Gary Gonzalez. We will gather at 8:30 am and begin meditating at 8:45. Link is below.



## Our Covenant

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.

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.

Worship Service:

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9>

<https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>

Director of Faith Development

[ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org)

Meditation:

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



**Congregational Annual Meeting  
Sunday, May 18, 12:15 p.m.  
Members –**

**We Need to Hear Your Voices!**

We will receive updates on important issues, such as our search for a new minister. Rev. Amy will give her final report to the congregation. We will elect our new Board and approve our budget.

**Lunch and childcare will be provided.**

Attendance via Zoom will also be possible.  
A quorum is needed, your voice is important,  
so be sure to attend!

Leana Bresnahan    [president@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:president@riverofgrassuu.org)



## *River of Grass Connection Circles*

For information about Rev. Amy's Connection Circles contact her at [minister@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:minister@riverofgrassuu.org) Or speak with her after Service.

Thursday, May 15, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Welcome Table Communion**  
Join us for a Unitarian Universalist communion ritual remembering the life of Jesus of Nazareth and his teachings for our own lives in the 21st century.

Tuesday, May 20, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **What Dreams May Come: Dream Reflection Group** Guided by Jungian theory, we'll explore our dreams as gateways to meaning for our lives!

Friday, May 30, 7pm, A-9 **Drum Circle** (Drumming just doesn't do well on zoom) Bring your drum or enjoy one of ours on the last Friday of each month to drum out the stresses of the days behind and find new rhythms for ones to come. No drum, no problem - we have plenty. No experience, also no problem – your inner drummer awaits!

Welcome Circle Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82816837657?pwd=t8scw4ml9h34cv8CU0JWFI3IMQI8F9.1>

Meeting ID: 828 1683 7657

Passcode: 565945



## **The 2 of Us**

**Presents**

### **A Journey Through Song & Storytelling**

With some of the most beloved Jazz Ballads,  
Brazilian Bossa Novas, Sambas, Boleros,  
Tangos & more in English, Portuguese and  
Spanish, now with new repertoire.

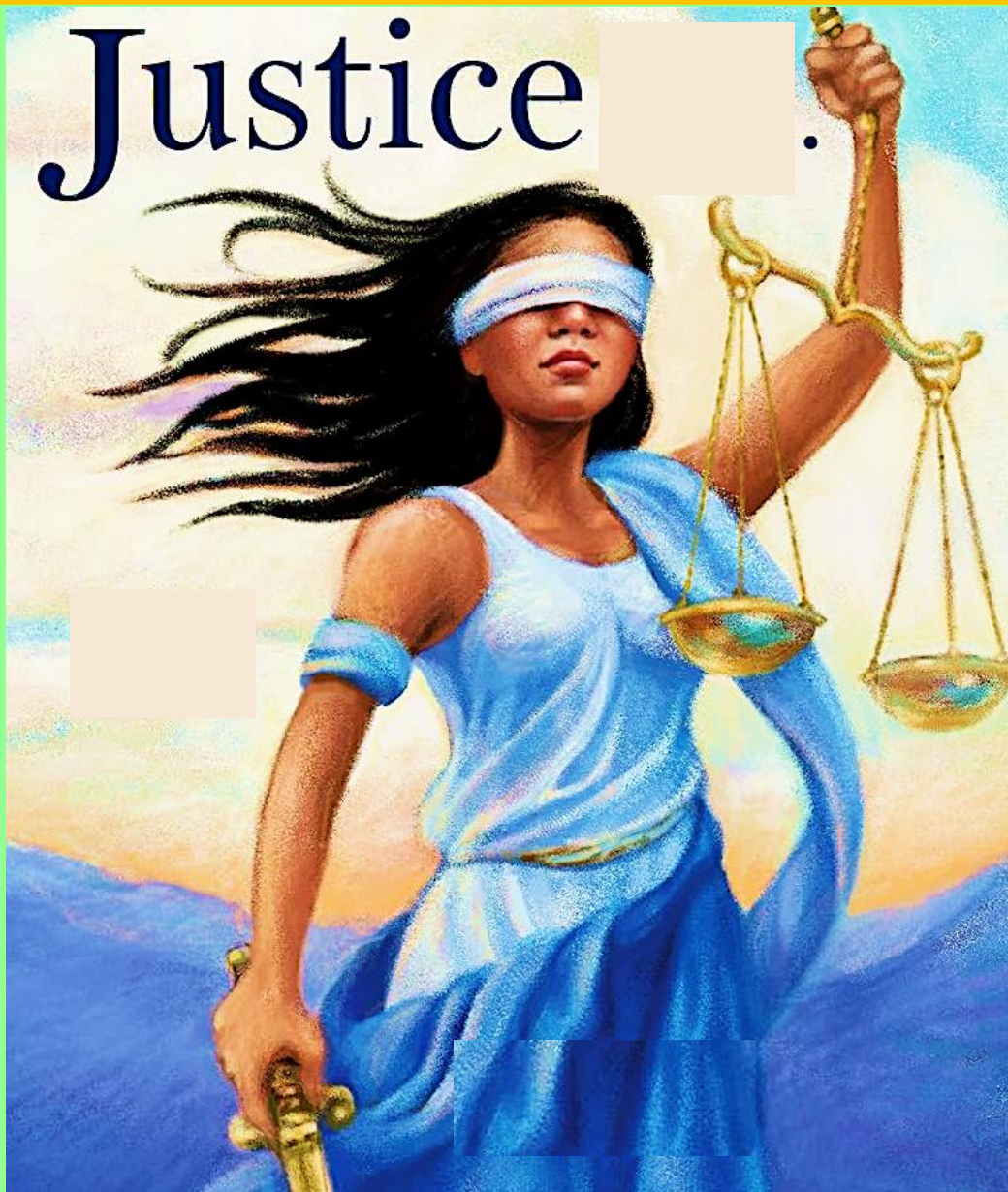
Marpessa De Moraes - Vocals, classical guitar  
(Craviola) and percussion.

Renato De Moraes - Flute and woodwind  
instruments.

**Sat, May 17, 7pm, A-9**  
**\$30 door; \$35 advance**

Drinks, Snacks from  
Argentina & Brazil





## **Justice Seekers Meeting Thursday, May 22, 7pm**

We're excited to announce our next Justice Seekers gathering  
on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM  
in the Sanctuary.

We are honored to have RevAmy joining us for this meeting.  
Come be part of the conversation as we continue our journey  
toward justice and action in our community.

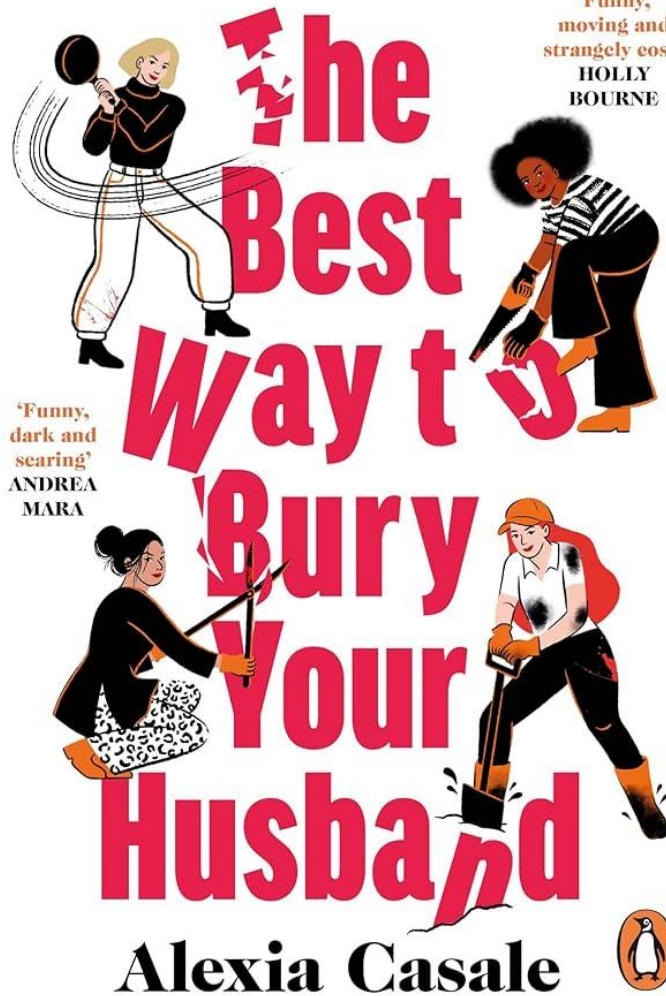
All are welcome!

[Justiceseekers@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:Justiceseekers@riverofgrassuu.org)

Four new friends. Four dead bodies.  
One big problem . . .

'Funny,  
moving and  
strangely cosy'  
HOLLY  
BOURNE

'Funny,  
dark and  
searing'  
ANDREA  
MARA



A dark comedy about four women coming together to heal the damage their husbands have done—and hide their bodies once they've killed them. When Sally kills her husband with a cast-iron skillet, she's more fearful of losing her kids than of disposing of a fresh corpse. That just wouldn't be fair—not after twenty years of marriage to a truly terrible man.

bUUKies will discuss *The Best Way to Bury Your Husband* on Wednesday, May 28, at 7pm  
Zoom link: [bUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:bUUKies@riverofgrassuu.org)  
Kathy and Steve Jens-Rochow

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## Sunshine Cluster's Climate Justice

# Revival

Reimagine Together  
From An Extractive  
Age To A New Era

**Sat, May 31, 1-3, Free; Zoom**

Open to everyone; to register email your name and group or congregation to [sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com)

In the midst of overlapping climate crises & mounting social injustice, we are in a time of great change and profound anxiety.

The Climate Justice Revival is a time to come together and commit to a vision for a flourishing future for Planet Earth, with actions we can take to make that vision a reality!

This interactive Revival will equip you to enter into a new era of climate justice.



Facilitated by RevAmy Carol Webb M.Div., APC, SDI



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2025



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Early Bird Registration

For SUUSI

End at Midnight Today, May 15

[www.SUUSI.org](http://www.SUUSI.org)



Hillary and Julie Goodridge, lead plaintiffs in *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health* receive their wedding rings from their daughter, Annie, 8, as UUA President Rev. Bill Sinkford presides over their marriage at 25 Beacon St. during the first day of state-sanctioned gay marriage in the United States on Monday, May 17, 2004.

## **The First US Gay Marriage was UU** **May 17 is its 21st anniversary**

On May 17, 2004, Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to legalize same-sex marriage when the state's Supreme Judicial Court passed *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*.

## Same Sex Marriages at River of Grass



The RevAmy Carol Webb married her beloved Brook Bell. The Rev. Jan Taddeo presided.

## Same Sex Marriages at River of Grass performed by RevAmy





May 17  
International Day Against  
Homophobia  
Transphobia  
Biphobia



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*All email addresses or links are below*

Thursday, May 15, 6pm Zoom

**Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, May 15, 7pm Zoom + A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Topic: Stories that Influence

Thursday, May 15, 7pm Zoom + A-9 **Welcome Table Communion** RevAmy Carol Webb

Saturday, May 17, 7pm A-9 **Two of Us Concert** Auction Event Elly Keane

Sunday, May 18, 8:30am A-9 + Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, May 18, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb

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**Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, May 18, 12 noon, A-9 + Zoom **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Leana Bresnahan, President

Tuesday, May 20, 7pm A-9 + Zoom, **What Dreams May Come; Dream**

**Reflection Group** RevAmy Carol Webb

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Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNkRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

Gary Gonzalez <https://riverofgrassuu.org/sunday-meditation.html>

Worship Zoom

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Men's Group

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## Order of Service for Sunday, May 18, 2025

Morning Sing

#389, Gathered Here Words and Music by Phillip A Porter

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

Ringling of the Chimes Katie Coker

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship "Long-Haul People" by Rudy Nemser

Theme Hymn "Keep on Movin' Forward" by Emma's Revolution

Chalice Lighting

*We light this flame to remember*

*the sacred bond that calls us*

*to listen beyond debate*

*to love beyond difference*

*to live beyond desire*

*That we may not merely dream*

*But do all that must be done*

*Shoulder to shoulder, soul to soul. (Webb)*

Covenant

Deepening Music "Watchin' the River Run" by Loggins and Messina

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Sung Response [Music #370](#) from a Genevan Psalter, [Words #381](#) by Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story "Will It Be Okay?" by Crescent Dragonwagon

Singing Youth to Classes

Heritage and Hope

Offering/Offertory #402 From You I Receive; Words & Music by Joseph & Nathan Segal

Birthdays!

Message RIVERS ROLL ON: There's a Place I Know

Closing Music #1064, Blue Boat Home Words: Peter Meyer, Music: Roland Hugh Pritchard

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

Music Reprise

## Green Tip of the Week



### A Clear Winner

If you have an option, buy stuff in glass rather than plastic. Glass has a much smaller carbon footprint when it is made, and it is recycled much easier than plastic.

### *From the Church Bulletin*

These messages actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services. To be read with suitable reverence:

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website posted below..

River of Grass UU Congregation is on FaceBook. For more information, please contact us at the community awareness email below.

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*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly congregation-wide newsletter should be e-mailed to the Weekly Email address below by noon Wednesday.*

*All announcements will pertain to congregational life and affiliated groups and will be for activities or events occurring within two weeks of this e-mail. Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must have the approval of the President.*

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