



# 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 29, 2025

Sunday, June 1, 2025 Annual Flower Communion

### **AS ABOVE, SO BELOW:**

#### **A Flower Communion**

Matter doesn't disappear, it transforms.

Energy is the same way.

The Earth is layer upon layer of all that has existed,  
remembered by the dirt.

(Adrienne Maree Brown)

To begin our month of Transformation at River of Grass,  
we celebrate our annual Flower Communion, sharing beauty and  
symmetry and color and fragrance amidst the chaos of  
the world we navigate in these times.

Join us to reflect on how our inner lives animate our outer lives – how  
deepening our roots can expand our reach – how nature teaches us “as  
above, so below” – as simply and complexly as the blossoms we share.

## 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 children and youth will be participating in our Annual Flower Communion service. Please hand your flower(s) to them as you arrive and they will arrange them into our vases.



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

## 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>



# River of Grass

Sunday, June 1  
Worship Service



*Communion*

Please bring a flower to represent  
each member of your family,  
so that everyone may leave  
with a beautiful gift!



## New Member Ceremony

There is still time to become a member that day!

If you are interested, please email Leana  
Bresnahan [membership@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:membership@riverofgrassuu.org)



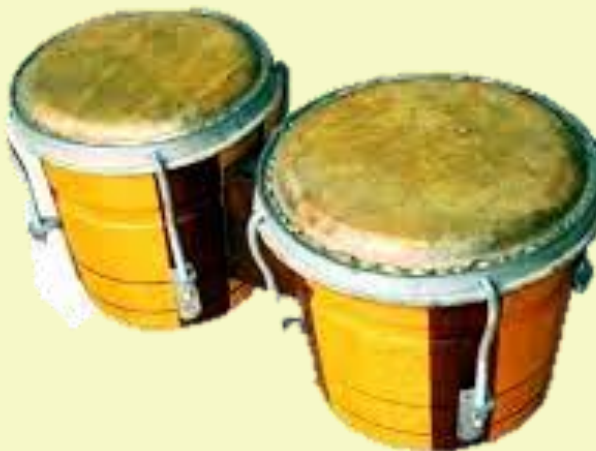


## River of Grass Connection Circles

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

### The Last One!

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 this 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!





## Full Moon Daughters **Sunrise on the Beach**

Greet the dawn of a new day with the Full Moon Daughters on Saturday, May 31, as we gather on the Lauderdale-by-the-Sea beach to watch the sun rise. This peaceful & centering ritual is an annual favorite.

Bring your coffee or tea, breakfast or a snack,  
a beach chair or blanket, and  
songs, stories and prayers to share.

After, we will likely gather in a restaurant for breakfast.

All women, girls and those who identify as female are welcome. For more information, or to sign up, email:  
[fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org)



**Save the Date: June 14 –  
Day of Action for Democracy**  
*Organized by the Justice Seekers Team*  
On **Saturday, June 14**, our Social Justice Committee  
invites you to join a **local**  
**Day of Action in support of democracy and justice.**

This nationwide event, taking place on **Flag Day**,  
is part of a broader movement to affirm our shared values of  
freedom, integrity, and community.  
While full details will be shared soon, this peaceful gathering will  
provide our congregation and neighbors with an opportunity to  
stand together in support of the principles we hold dear.

**Please mark your calendars for June 14** and stay tuned for  
more information in the coming weeks.  
Let us come together in faith and action.

Kechi Mourer and Susan Stach-Bejarano  
Information: [ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org)





## FOUND AT RIVER OF GRASS:

A black knit Eileen Fisher jacket  
with silver zippers, size XL.

Possibly left behind on May 17-18 weekend when  
there was both a concert and the annual meeting.

To claim, contact Diane Lade  
at [fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org)



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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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*All email addresses or links are below*

Thursday, May 29, 6pm Zoom

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

Friday, May 30, 7pm, A-9 **Drum Circle** RevAmy Carol Webb

Saturday, May 31, **Sunrise on the Beach** Full Moon Daughters Diane Lade

Saturday, May 31, Zoom only **Sunshine Cluster Climate Justice Revival**  
Steve and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, June 1, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb  
Annual Flower Communion + New Member Ceremony

Thursday, June 5, 6pm Zoom

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

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

Saturday, June 7, 2pm, A-9 **Farewell Party Table Arrangements Studio**  
Spiritual Art Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, June 8, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** RevAmy Carol Webb  
RevAmy's Final Service

Sunday, June 8, 5pm, **RevAmy's Farewell Party** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, June 12, 6pm Zoom

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

Thursday, June 12, 6pm Zoom **mUUVies Fabulous Fungi** Kathy and Steve  
Jens-Rochow

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

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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Ken Bresnahan [mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:mensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org)

Men's Group

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81490716445?pwd=NHV2akh4OURkQ2YvcTdGdmw5VjY3dz09>

Kathy Jens-Rochow. [womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:womensgroup@riverofgrassuu.org)

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Elly Keane [auction@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:auction@riverofgrassuu.org)

## Order of Service for Sunday, June 1, 2025

Morning Sing

#361 Enter, Rejoice and Come In; Words and Music by Louise Ruspini

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

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

Ringling of the Chimes Eleanor Enwright Chalice Lighter

Prelude #1015 I Know I Can; Words by Dennis Hamilton, Music by Jeannie Gagné

Welcome

Call to Worship If I Were a Flower by Rev. Carole Martignacco

Theme Hymn #396 I Know this Rose Will Open; Words and Music by Mary Grigolia

Chalice Lighting Eleanor Enwright Chalice Lighter

We light our chalice today

For the hope

That blossoms anew in our hearts

Like flowers ever reaching for the Sun,

That we, too, may keep our faces

Toward the warmth and light

Of Truth. (Webb)

Covenant

*English: Love is the spirit of this congregation and service is its law.*

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*Spanish: El Amor es el espíritu de esta congregación*

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Deepening Music #1007, There's A River Flowin'; Words and Music by Rose Sanders

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 "Of Thistles, Thorns, and Sawgrass"

Heritage and Hope

Growing Beloved Community

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

Message As Above, So Below: A Flower Communion

Closing Music #38, Morning Has Broken; Words by Eleanor Farjeon, Music: Gaelic melody

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

### Anyone for coffee?

Next time you need a caffeine fix look for shade grown beans. The farms it's grown on support a lot more wildlife, especially birds, and require much less fertilizer and water than full sun plantations.



### *From the Church Bulletin*

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

**Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.**

To see all of the upcoming events at River of Grass, please visit the calendar on our website [riverofgrassuu.org](http://riverofgrassuu.org)

River of Grass UU Congregation is on FaceBook. For more information, please contact us at [communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:communityawareness@riverofgrassuu.org).

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*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly congregation-wide newsletter should be e-mailed to [WeeklyEmail@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:WeeklyEmail@riverofgrassuu.org), 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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