



River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Welcome to our River of Grass Family

Welcome to our Love; **Welcome** Home

Celebrating
26 Years

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Sunday Service, June 29, 2025



Gather the Spirit

This Sunday as our Worship Team kicks off our Summer Worship on our UU Values.

Some of our delegates will share their personal memories of General Assembly. These will then be tied to Unitarian Universalism and to our Values.

Subsequent services this summer will then consider Individual values.

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:



Our children and youth are always welcome in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings, where there are quiet activities for them at the Playground table.

Children under the age of 5 are also welcome in our Nursery for supervised care by our attendant, Marimar.

There are no additional classes during the summer.

For more information about our FD program, contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at 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

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Meditation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRiFLTVcyZz09#success>



Gratitudes and Goodbyes, Good Ministries and Good Boundaries

Beloved River of Grass,
Even as I am still brimming with the love and joy of your stupendous and loving send-off celebration of our thirteen years of shared ministry, relishing reading all your notes and prayer flags and cards one by one and many times over, and with closing collaborations on your “next most elegant steps” (by Adrienne Marie Brown’s Emergent Strategy) after General Assembly – to make way for your new chapter and mine, now comes the next piece of our departure process.

As we have spoken about several times in this time of transition, Unitarian Universalist ministers follow a code of conduct meant to prioritize the flourishing of future ministries of the congregations we have been serving, even as we depart.

We are strongly encouraged to close all direct communication with the members and friends of the congregation for a period of time to allow for the congregation to bond with future ministers or to establish a strong and resilient lay-led ministry until a new minister arrives, if that is the path.

And while there is no hard and fast rule, a minimum of one full year is recommended. An exception in this case is that for your lay-led transition, until a new minister comes, I have offered the Board my availability for palliative care at the request of the Caring Committee, who may contact me directly.

The Board also has a list of near-by UU clergy available for support and service across most congregational life needs.

This separation can be painful, even for we who understand and support professional boundaries, as I do – and especially challenging for those who don't always see the reasoning for such boundaries.

Make no mistake, these boundaries in no way diminish or dismiss the treasure of the relationships we have built over our thirteen years of shared ministry.

These will fortify my spirit for the rest of my days, and hopefully serve to strengthen and inspire your next ministries.

Our respect for River of Grass' mission and vision for the faith we serve calls us to make way for a new ministry to come alive at River of Grass, whatever form it may take, by ending this one.

As a part of this, on June 30, I will begin to unfriend on social media those I've known as congregants of River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation. If you wish, you may still follow me (find the "follow button" on my page and click); then you'll still see my public posts, music activities, and keep up with Gamble's ramblings as well.

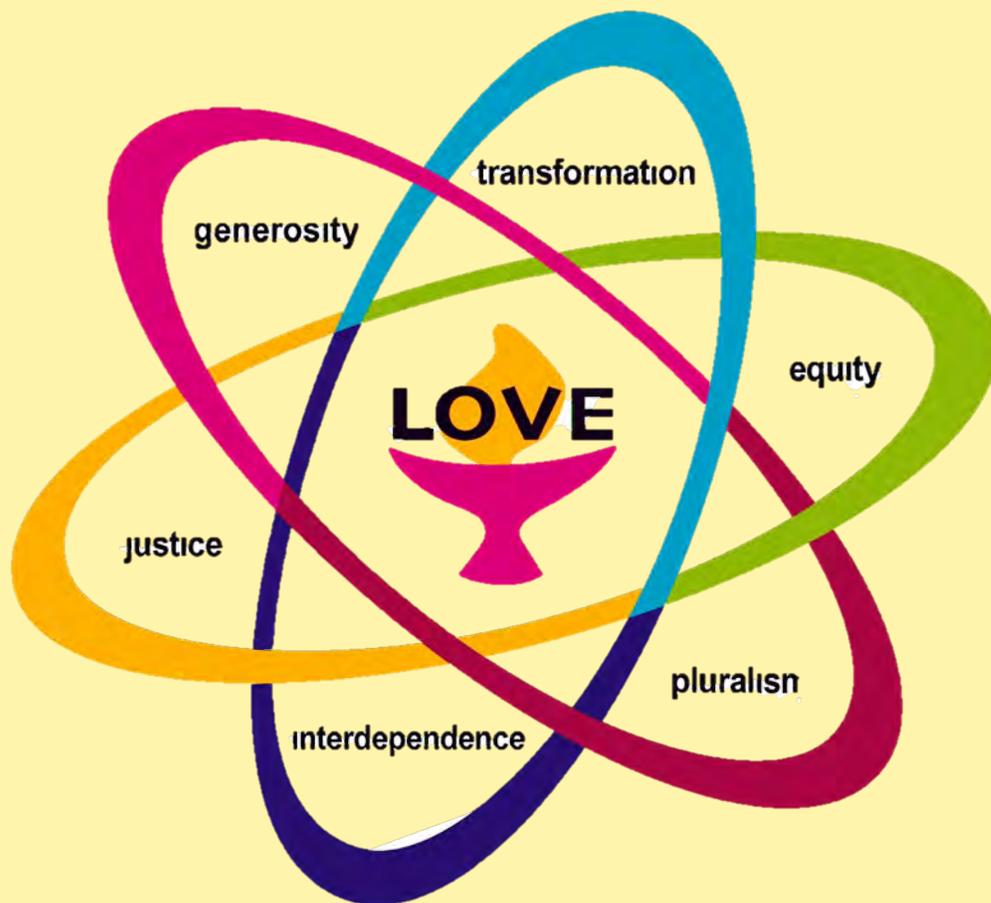
Beloveds, while our time together may be closing, our journeys of faith continue. Thank you from the depths of my soul for all the beauty, all the joy, all the hope, all the growth, gratitude and love we have shared.

As we depart these thirteen years together, let us hold before our eyes the vision of a world transformed, and dare to transform ourselves to make it so.

Until we meet again – Shine on!

~ RevAmy

River of Grass Summer Worship Services



June 29 Gather the Spirit - GA Impressions & UUism
– Kathy Jens-Rochow

July 6 Interdependence – Kathy Jens-Rochow

July 13 Equity – Theo Lucas

July 20 Transformation – Steve Jens-Rochow

July 27 Pluralism – Kathy Jens-Rochow

August 3 Generosity – Wild Pines Covenant Group

August 10 Justice – Diane Lade

August 17 Equity – Kathy Jens-Rochow

August 24 Justice – Leana Bresnahan

August 31 Generosity – Leana Bresnahan

Leana's Letter



- I am just back from General Assembly in Baltimore. It was a super enriching experience! Robert Smith, Andrew Meit, Karen Gonzalez and I have much to share with all of you in the coming weeks and months, including this coming Sunday when we will all view the final GA worship service together.
- As our congregational year ends on 6/30, my deepest gratitude to our Board Members whose terms are ending: V-P (for four years!) Maureen Lundell; and Trustees Andrew Meit and Andy Perez. It's been quite a year!
- On 7/1, the congregational year 2025-2026 will begin. A hearty welcome to our new Board Members! Kathy Jens-Rochow and Rita Cherubini as co-Vice-Presidents; Bill Garside-Foy and Theo Lucas as Trustees. This promises to be another monumental year!
- RevAmy's ministry with River of Grass officially ends on 6/30. As we sang to her at her Farewell Party....we love her and bless her and send her on her way. She will be deeply missed.



Do you like our Coffee Hospitality after Sunday's service?

This summer, we have no one volunteering to help

with providing refreshments, setting up and cleaning up.

We reimburse expenses for food and other related items.

We need regular volunteers who can rotate once a month. [We have only 2 volunteers for the next congregational year.]

Otherwise, our hospitality time is going to be very minimal.

Please contact Kathy if you can help.

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River of Grass at No Kings June 14, 2025





**Trans Activist
Marsha P Johnson
led the
Stonewall Riots
starting on
June 28, 1969**

The Stonewall Riots
are the start of the
Trans and Gay
Liberation Movement
in the United States.

The
Stonewall Inn
Greenwich
Village
New York





10 Year Anniversary

Obergefell v. Hodges,
decided on June 26, 2015,
is the landmark Supreme Court case that
legalized same-sex marriage nationwide.

The 5-4 decision ruled that the right to
marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples
by both the Due Process Clause and
the Equal Protection Clause of the
Fourteenth Amendment.

Unfortunately, Jim's husband, John Arthur
died before the decision was
handed down.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 26, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, June 29, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **General Assembly Sunday Worship Service** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, June 29 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, July 3, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, July 6, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Interdependence; Climate Justice** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, July 6 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, July 10, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, July 10, A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, July 13, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Equity Worship Service** Theo Lucas

Sunday, July 13 10:30am A-9 + Zoom

Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, July 17, 6pm Zoom

Mindfulness for Today's World Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May



Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May
Mindfulness for Today's World

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/551319571?pwd=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbnRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

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

Worship Zoom

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Men's Group

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Green Tip of the Week

Buy your produce from local farmers at **Plantation Community Farmer's Market**, Broward's most attended farmer's market featuring fresh local and organic produce, local honey, fresh herbs, plants, and flowers as well as artisanal Florida produced products: fresh breads, pastries, and a lot more.

Saturdays 8a-2p Volunteer Park 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd.



From the Church Bulletin

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

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

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

River of Grass UU Congregation is on FaceBook. For more information, please contact us at 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, 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. president@riverofgrassuu.org

Steve Jens-Rochow, Editor newsletter@riverofgrassuu.org

