



Celebrating
26 Years

River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Welcome to our River of Grass Family

Welcome to our Love; **Welcome** Home

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Sunday Service, July 20, 2025 Steve Jens-Rochow

Transformation

“Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it.” Rumi

The UUA defines Transformation as, “A living tradition that adapts to a changing world and supports individuals in their growth and the deepening of their understanding.”

Beyond focusing on adaption to change.

Steve will focus on some individual experiences that he found to be deeply spiritual, possibility transformative.

As Carl Jung said

“Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.”

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).

- 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 Prayground 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 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/s/91663081076#success>

Meeting ID: 916 6308 1076.

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

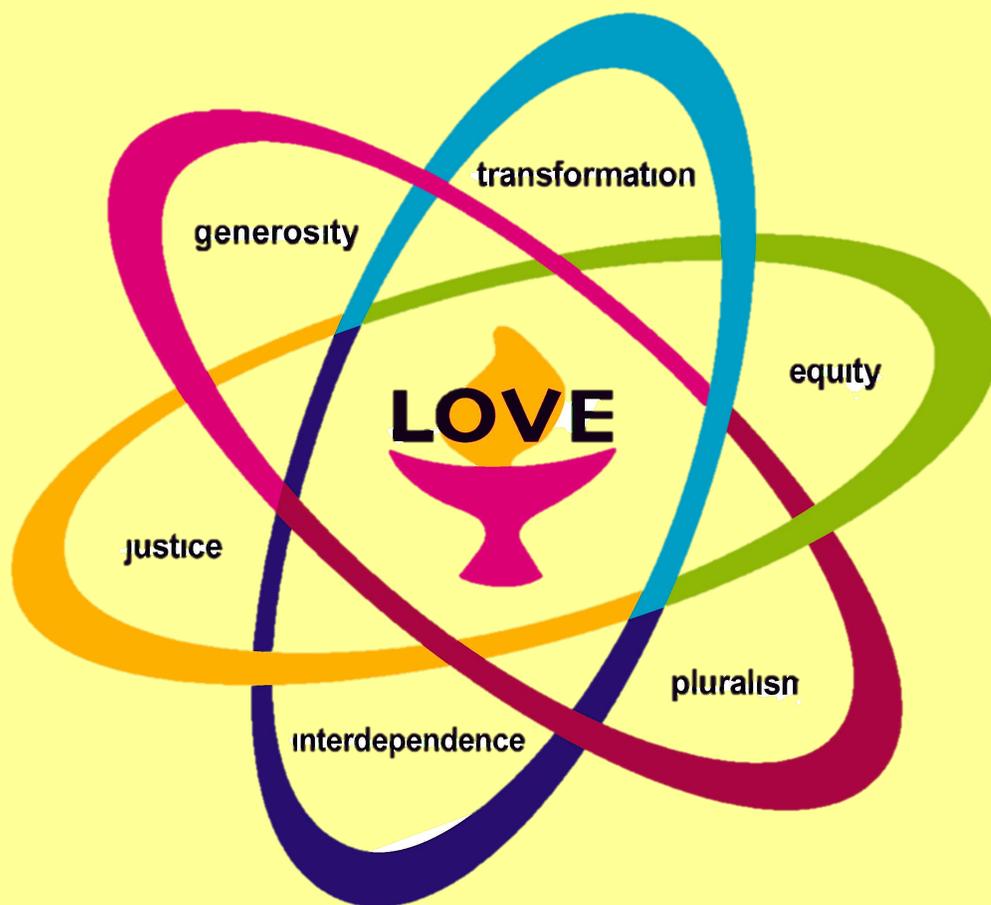
Director of Faith Development

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Meditation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTUcyZz09#success>

River of Grass Summer Worship Services



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 – Ken Bresnahan

August 24 Justice – Leana Bresnahan

August 31 Generosity – Leana Bresnahan



Sharing the Pulpit

Worship Training Sat., Aug. 2, 2 - 4:30
At the River

One of our River of Grass traditions is
lay-led services.

Through the summer and into the fall, we ask
members and friends to provide a
meaningful Sunday service.

But how do you do this?

We are offering a training for those who would like
to create, or have created one but want to know more,
a River of Grass worship service.

How to put together the service, music, resources and
most of all, how to write a message.

Please RSVP to Kathy Jens-Rochow at
worship@riverofgrassuu.org.

Leana's Letter



1. Our website has been updated! Photos from RevAmy's Farewell Party can be seen at the link below:
2. Our first Sharing Circle was very well attended a couple of weeks ago with some deep sharing. Folks who were there requested we repeat them regularly. This Sunday, July 20th, we will again circle the chairs in the sanctuary during Hospitality Time, and invite anyone -- member, friend and visitor -- to join for an informal sharing of what is in our hearts and on our minds.
3. You may have read the recent news story:
"I.R.S. Says Churches Can Endorse Candidates From the Pulpit."
In response, the UUA publicly re-affirmed our commitment to non-partisanship.
Their guidance remains the same as it has always been: partisan activity is incompatible with our 501(c)(3) status so the UUA continues to not endorse political candidates.
It remains our moral duty to advocate publicly and unapologetically for laws and policies that align with our UU values.

[Photo Gallery - River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation.](#)

“Get in Good Trouble, Necessary Trouble, and help redeem the soul of America”

John Lewis

d July 17, 2020

Civil Rights Leader

and

US

Representative



**Good
Trouble
Lives On**

Join the Justice Seekers Thursday, July 17, 4:30-6

for a peaceful protest at **Nova Southeastern U,
3300 S. University Drive**

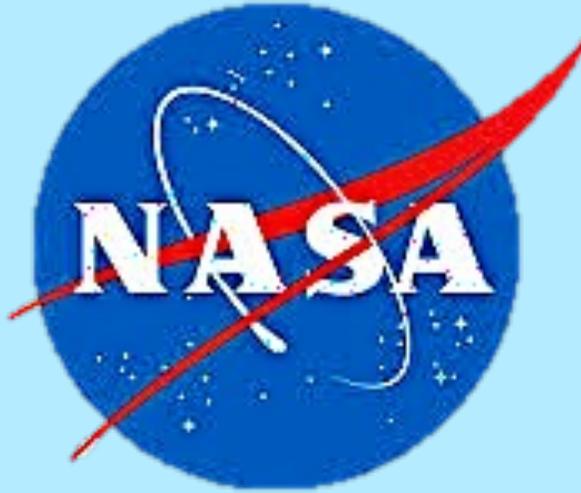
*In the spirit of John Lewis, we're hitting the streets
to **make good trouble!***

We'll stand with others across the country to defend our democracy, demand justice, and raise our voices for change.

Bring a sign, bring a friend, and bring your courage.
Wear your yellow UU T shirt. See Leana for shirts; cost \$24
justiceseekers@riverofgrassuu.org

“All of us have a moral obligation to stand up, speak up, and speak out.” – John Lewis

Become a



Response Mapper

Help Strengthen Hurricane Response

This summer and fall, NASA invites the public to participate in a new citizen science effort called
NASA Response Mappers

If you live in Florida you can help fill vital information gaps by submitting land cover photos before and after hurricanes using your smartphone.

Satellites may miss short-lived impacts due to cloud cover or orbit timing. Even in ideal conditions, satellites can't capture the finer details visible in photos taken on the ground. Photos from local eyewitnesses can help fill those blind spots.

Go to the link below and
Download the GLOBE Observer App
Join the NASA Response Mappers Team
And Help Hurricane Response

<https://share.google/dUtIKIKmEUE7c9ofr>

Order of Service July 20, 2025

Morning Sing Oh Let Us Gather Words, Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship [Opening Words]

Opening Song #123 Spirit of Life; Words, Music by Carolyn McDade

Chalice Lighting

May this flame, symbol of transformation since time began,
fire our curiosity, strengthen our wills,
and sustain our courage

as we seek what is good within and around us. Bets Wienecke

Covenant

Offering / Offertory

Deepening Music #1007 There's a River Flowin' in My Soul;
Words and Music by Rose Sanders

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Responsive Reading "Our Journey Is to Transform" by Elizabeth Nguyen

Offering/Offertory

Wisdom Story "Under the Bodhi Tree" by Deborah Hopkinson;
illustrations by Kailey Whitman

Heritage Rev. James Luther Adams **Hope** River of Grass

Message Transformation

Closing Music #1017 Building a New Way; words, music by Martha Sandefer

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Music Reprise



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 17, 4:30-6 pm **Justice Seekers Demonstration**
NSU at 3300 S. University Drive

Thursday, July 17, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, July 20, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Transformation Worship Service**
Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, July 20 10:30am A-9 + Zoom
Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, July 24, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, July 27, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Pluralism**
Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, July 27, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom
Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, July 31, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Saturday, August 2, 2pm, A-9 **Worship Service Training**
Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, August 3, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service Generosity**
Wild Pines Covenant Group

Sunday, August 3, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom
Children and Youth Faith Development Karen Gonzalez

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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>

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Men's Group

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Green Tip of the Week



Reduce What You Consume
Of the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)
Reduce is the most important.

From the Church Bulletin

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

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be
'What Is Hell?'

Come early and listen to our choir practice.





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.

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