



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 24, 2025

Sunday Service, July 27, 2025

Kathy Jens-Rochow



Pluralism: The Many Faces of Faith

I love you when you bow in your mosque, kneel in your temple, pray in your church.

*For you and I are people of one religion, and it is the spirit.
We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture,
experience, and theology. ~ Khalil Gibran*

We declare that there are many paths to the sacred.

We hold fast to the notion that one religion does not hold all the truth for all time, not even Unitarian Universalism.

We maintain that a free, open, and respectful dialogue is one of the primary ways our theological perspectives evolve and grow.

Love invites us to revel in our uniqueness using Pluralism as our guide.

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.

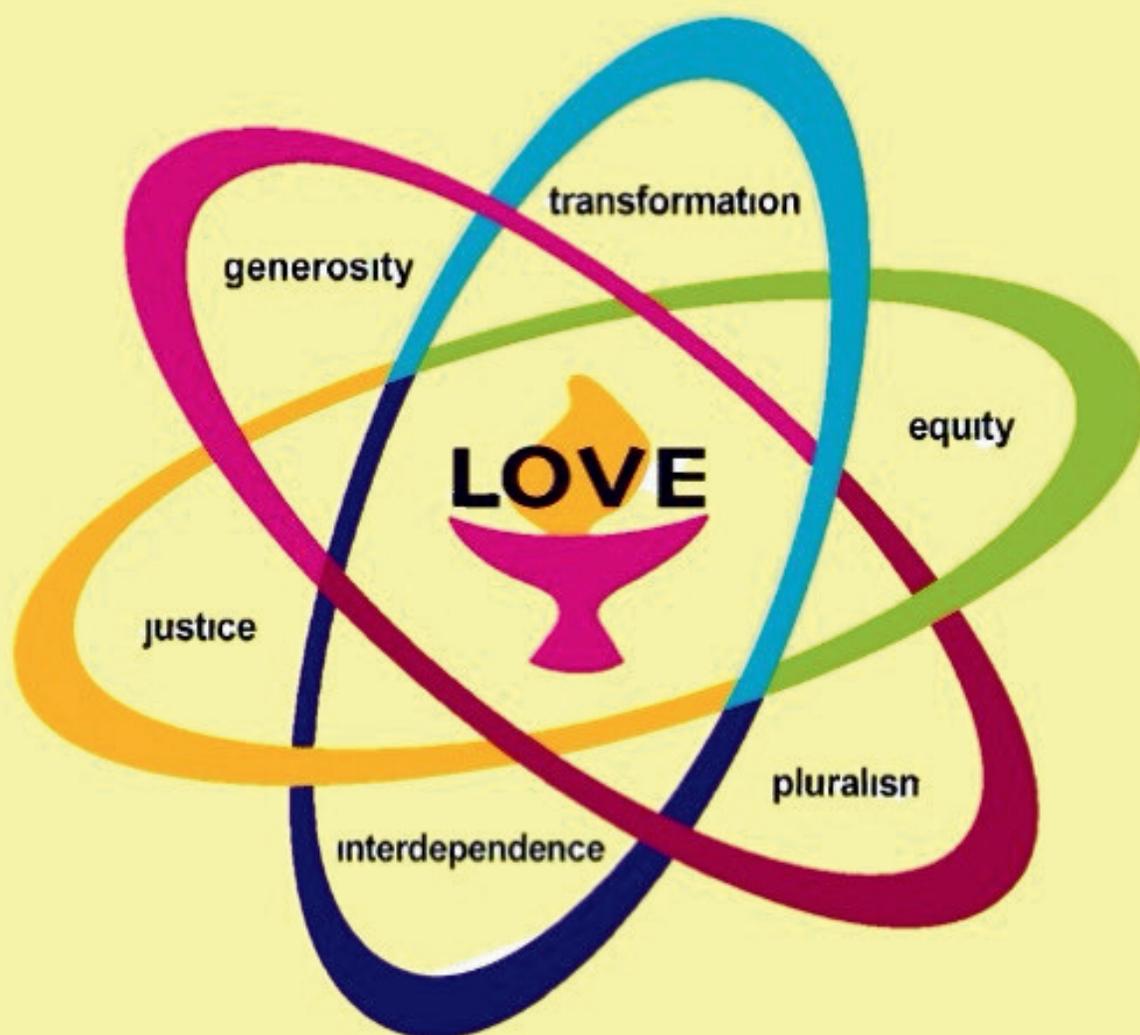
Worship Service:

<https://zoom.us/j/91663081076#success>

Meeting ID: 916 6308 1076.

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

River of Grass Summer Worship Services



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.



July 26

National Disability Independence Day

the Americans with Disability Act was signed on July 26, 1990

Disabled people make up 15% of the world's population representing all ages, races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Disability Pride Month celebrates people with disabilities, their identities, their culture, and their contributions to society.

It also seeks to change the way people think about and define disability, to end the stigma of disability, and to promote the belief that disability is a natural part of human diversity.

Wikipedia

Disability Pride Flag



Order of Service Sunday, July 27, 2025

Pluralism: The Many Faces of Faith

Morning Sing

#123 Spirit of Life Words and Music by Carolyn McDade

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

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Words

Opening Song #30 Over My Head; Words and Music: African American Spiritual

Chalice Lighting —

This is the mission of our faith

To teach the fragile art of hospitality

To revere both the critical mind and the generous heart

To prove that diversity need not be divisiveness

And to witness to all that we must hold the whole world in our hands.

Covenant

William F. Schultz

Offering / Offertory

Deepening Music #318 We Would Be One; Words by Samuel Anthony

Wright, Music by Jean Sibelius

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Wisdom Story All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman

Heritage Abner Kneeland

Hope UUA

Message The Many Faces of Faith

Closing Music #131 Love Will Guide Us; Words by Sally Rodgers, Music: Traditional

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Shine On

Invite To Hospitality

Sending/Shine on



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, July 27, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Pluralism Worship Service**
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 + Robert Smith

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

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

Thursday, August 7, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, August 10, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Justice Worship Service**
Diane Lade

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

Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May

Mindfulness for Today's World

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

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Green Tip of the Week

Get Rid of Disposable Plastic Water Bottles

They have a big
carbon footprint.
They last a long time
in landfills.
They are difficult to
recycle.

Instead, use your
refillable water bottle.



From the Church Bulletin

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

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.





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 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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