



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 3, 2025

Sunday Service, July 6, 2025 Kathy Jens-Rochow

Interdependence

Creating a Sustainable Way of Life Together

“We are swimming in this stream together. Some in power and some in pain...We’re all swimming to the other side.”

—Pat Humphries, "Swimming to the Other Side"

UU Value of Interdependence:

We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.

Creating a sustainable way of life is central to our view of a just and compassionate world.

Our work must be intersectional, starting with the marginalized communities for which climate justice is an integral part.

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

ReligiousEducator@riverofgrassuu.org

Meditation:

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

River of Grass Summer Worship Services



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



TIMES OF TRANSITION

Beloved Members and Friends,

This is a tender time in the life of River of Grass as we live into our first week without RevAmy's loving guidance and support as our minister.

I have total confidence that River of Grass will continue to thrive, to go and grow and flow the River Way, while always holding RevAmy's ministry in our hearts.

The River will flow on!

You may be feeling joy and anticipation about the possibilities before us as we wait to find out who our new minister will be and are looking forward to beginning a new ministry with them.

Whoever that person may be, we know they will be blessed by being in ministry with such an amazing congregation as River of Grass!

But transitions can instead be difficult for any of us for a variety of reasons.

And I speak for myself, as well. If you find yourself experiencing deep sadness or waves of grief, and feel you need personal support, please reach out and allow your Beloved Community to care for you.

Reach out to your circles of friends and share your feelings. We have also arranged Pastoral Care for those who feel they need individual support.

You can access that by emailing pastoralcare@riverofgrassuu.org.

In addition, during Hospitality Service this coming Sunday, we will circle the chairs in the sanctuary for a sharing circle, so everyone who would like can process this time together, whether you are feeling joy, sadness, anticipation or stress! All are welcome!

Our Unitarian Universalist faith and the needs of our world call us to keep on moving forward.

Keep the faith, love fully and freely, let's continue transforming ourselves so we can transform the world, and it is still ok to say together, SHINE ON!

Leana Bresnahan, Board President



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.

worship@riverofgrassuu.org



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

John Lewis

1940 - July 17, 2020

Civil Rights Leader and
US Representative



**Good
Trouble
Lives On**

Good Trouble Lives On is a national day of action to respond to the attacks on our civil human rights by the Trump administration. Together, we'll remind them that in America, the power lies with the people.

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

Order of Service July 6, 2025

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

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Words

Opening Song #298 Wake Now My Senses; Words by Thomas Mikelson, Music: Trad Irish Melody

Chalice Lighting

May the light we now kindle inspire us to use our powers

To heal, not to harm to help, not to hinder

To bless, not to curse

To serve the spirit of freedom. Passover Haggadah

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Offering / Offertory

Deepening Music #1051 We Are; Words and Music by Ysaye M. Barnswell

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Wisdom Story “The Climate Kids” Written by Theodore Mui, Illustrations by MidJourney

Heritage Henry David Thoreau; **Hope** UU Ministry for Earth

Message Creating a Sustainable Way of Life Together

Closing Music Blue Boat Home; #1064 Words by Peter Meyer, Music by Roland High Pritchard

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

Music Reprise



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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



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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Men's Group

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Green Tip of the Week

Don't throw away your unused medications.

Instead donate them. These organizations accept donations of unopened, unexpired medication and match those donations with vulnerable patients in need. *Give hope*

donatemymeds.org donateourmeds.org remedichain.org



From the Church Bulletin

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

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

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



