



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 31, 2025

Sunday Service, August 3, 2025

Generosity – Wild Pines Covenant Group

### **More Than Money**

*“In the end it won’t matter how much we have, but how generously we have given. It won’t matter how much we know, but rather how well we live. And it won’t matter how much we believe. But how deeply we love.”*

~ Rev. John C. Morgan, UU minister and author

Giving has been lauded for centuries in many religions and mythologies. But in today’s world, is generosity measured by the size of the check you write?

Is it defined by the beneficial connections and recognition you hope it will bring you?

Our Unitarian Universalist faith challenges us also to be generous with our time, our spirit and our empathy in increasingly polarized times.

## 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](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/s/91663081076#success>

Meeting ID: 916 6308 1076.

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

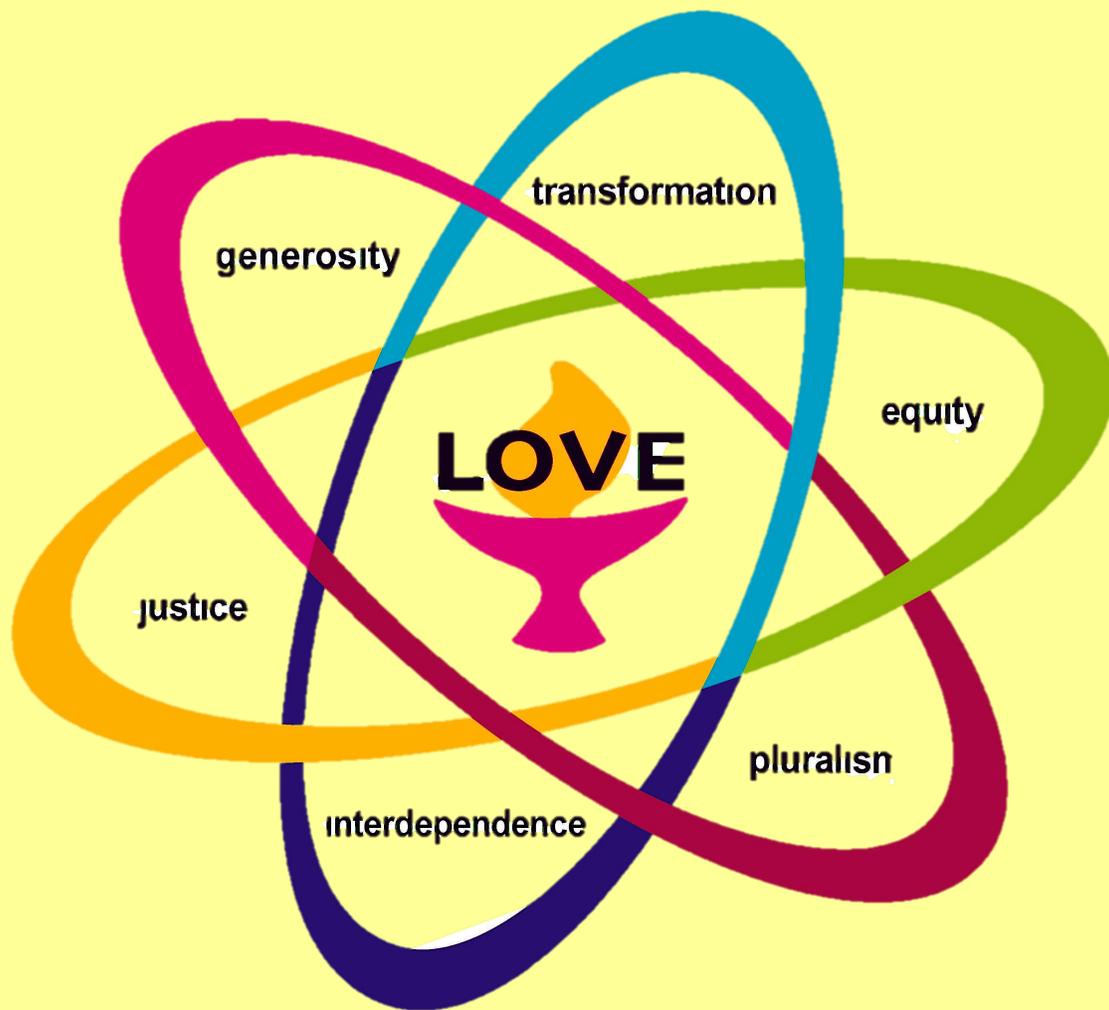
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Meditation:

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

# River of Grass Summer Worship Services



August 3 Generosity – Wild Pines Covenant Group

August 10 Justice

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.

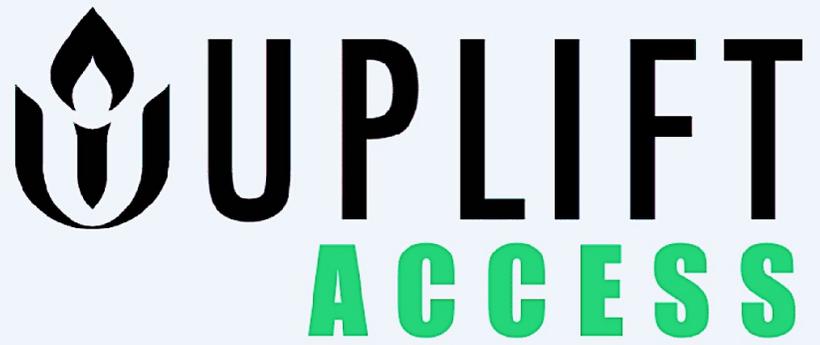
Through the summer and into the fall, we ask  
members and friends to provide a  
meaningful Sunday service.

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](mailto:worship@riverofgrassuu.org).



UPLIFTING ACCESSIBILITY IN AND  
BEYOND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

## Disability Pride Flag:

Green is for sensory disabilities.

Blue represents emotional and psychiatric disabilities.

White stands for non-visible & undiagnosed disabilities.

Yellow is for neurodiversity.

Red represents physical disabilities.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**

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

Thursday, August 14, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**  
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, August 17, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** Ken  
Bresnahan

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=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNjRRC9qRIJPQT09>

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

Worship Service:

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Order of Service  
Sunday, August 3, 2025

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

**Ringing of the Chimes**

**Prelude** “Can’t Buy Me Love” Words and Music by John Lennon & Paul McCartney

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Words**

**Opening Song** #402 “From You I Receive to You I Give”; Words and Music by Joseph and Nathan Segal

**Chalice Lighting**

*We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude*

*as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.*

*In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength for one another,*

*and offer our crop with the hands of compassion and generosity.*

*In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,*

*we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.*

*May we be grateful for the ways we nourish and uplift each other,*

*For it is the sharing of this hallowed time together that sustains us.*

*- Katie Sivani Gelfand*

**Covenant**

**Deepening Music** 1017 “Building a New Way”; Words and Music by Sandra Santefer

**Candles of Community**

**Stones of Reflection** “Time After Time” Words+Music: Cindi Lauper & Robert Hyman

**Pastoral Response**

**Wisdom Story** “Thank You, Omu” Written and illustrated by Oge Mora

**Message** “Generosity of Spirit” by Bev Kaufman

**Offering/ Offertory** “Ashokan Farewell” Music by Jay Ungar

**Message** “Wanting, Getting and Giving” by Bonnie McClish Dlott

**Closing Music** “Blue Boat Home” Words: Peter Mayer; Music: Roland Hugh Pritchard

**Closing Words**

**Extinguishing Chalice**

**Announcements for the Life of the Community**

**Shine On**

**Invite to Hospitality**

**Sending/Shine on**

**Music Reprise**



## Green Tip of the Week



### **Need an item for a one-time project?**

Don't buy it brand new.  
Find a way to rent, borrow, or  
buy it used.  
If you know your neighbors,  
consider going in on items like  
tools and lawn equipment to  
share.

### ***From the Church Bulletin***

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

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.





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).

*Unsubscribe* - If you do not wish to receive this weekly email, please send an email to [office@riverofgrassuu.org](mailto:office@riverofgrassuu.org) and you will be removed.

*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 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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