



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, August 14, 2025

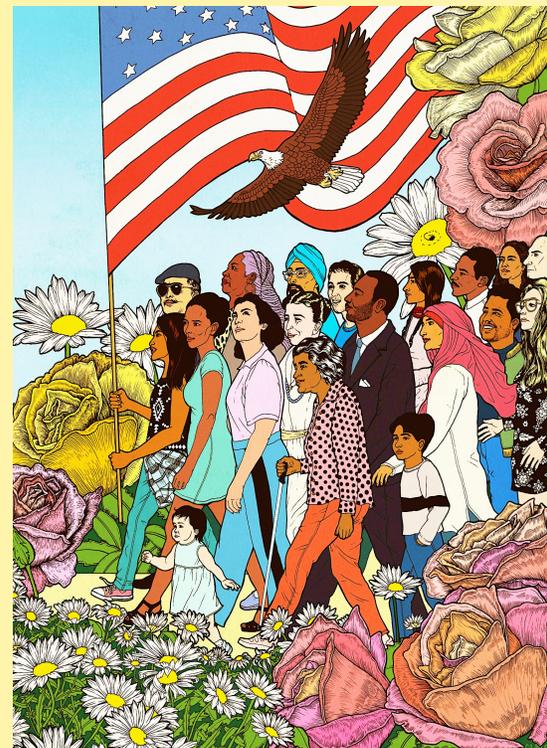
Sunday Service, August 17, 2025

Justice for Immigrants: A Knock at the Door

Leana Bresnahan

We Are American

As part of our summer of services dedicated to exploring our members' perspectives on our Unitarian Universalist values, this Sunday we will consider justice as it relates to the assault on the rights of immigrants occurring all around us and reflect on our moral responsibility to respond.



We Are Home

“We understand there is a mandate emerging from our theological heritage to dismantle the structures and systems which silence, harm, and exploit human beings and the varied ecosystems of our planet as well as to work to create just and sustainable communities without barriers to belonging in our communities for all those who share our values and theological perspectives.”

from Rev. Dr. Sheri Prud'homme's "Theological Reflection on the Proposed Change to Article II"



“As a matter of theology – as a simple way of affirming and promoting our Unitarian Universalist value of justice – we need to do what we can to humanize the immigrants in our community, to understand them as our neighbors, to see them as strangers worthy of our hospitality, to challenge ourselves to work so that their inherent worth and dignity is respected by all in our society.”

By Michael Tino, "A Knock at the Door" (adapted)

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>

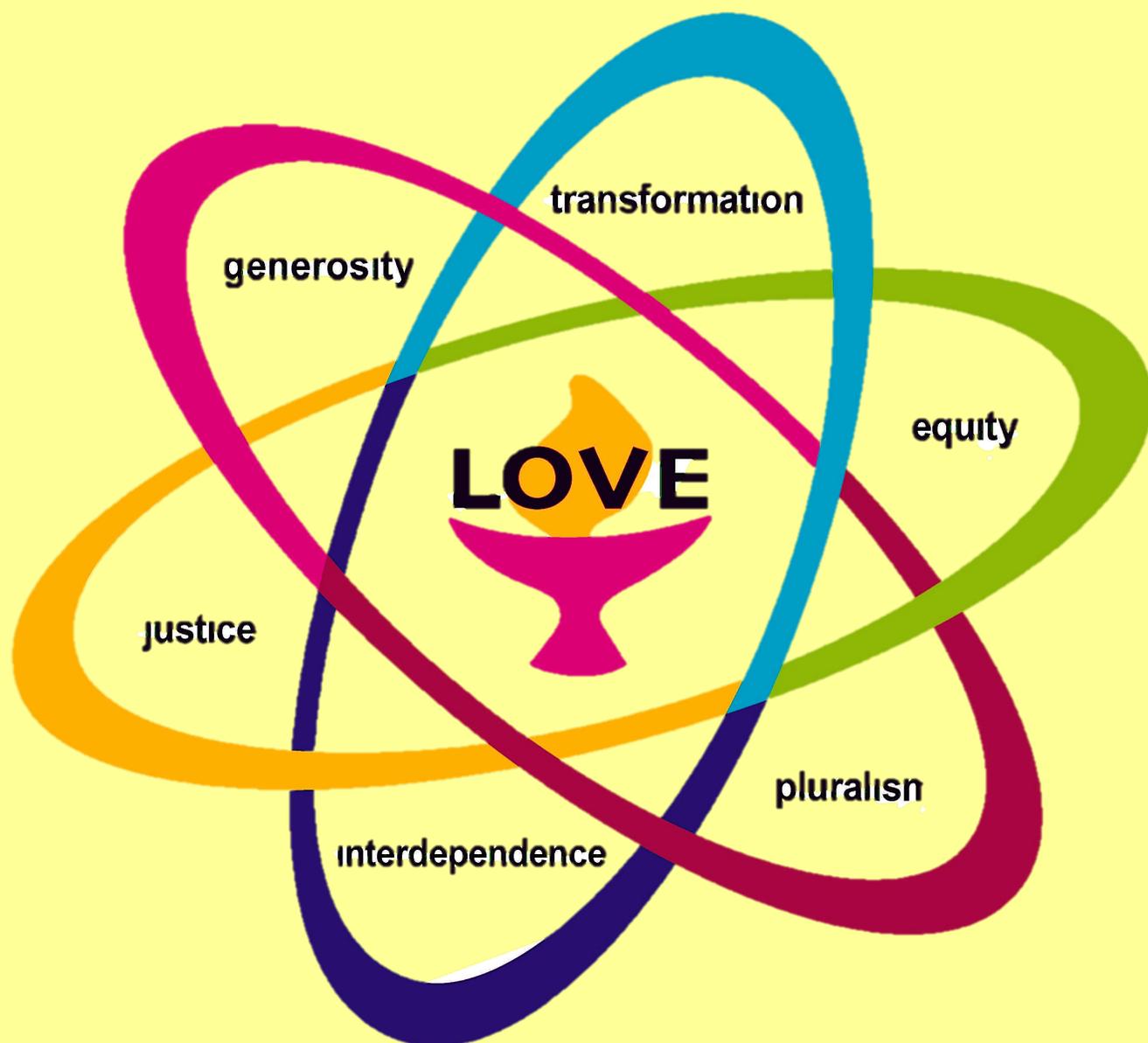
Director of Faith Development

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Meditation:

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

River of Grass Summer Worship Services



August 17 Justice – Leana Bresnahan

August 24 – Ken Bresnahan

August 31 Love at the Center – Leana Bresnahan



Sweet or Savory?

Do you enjoy snacks during hospitality time?
If so, you now have the opportunity to volunteer to bring in something sweet or something savory.

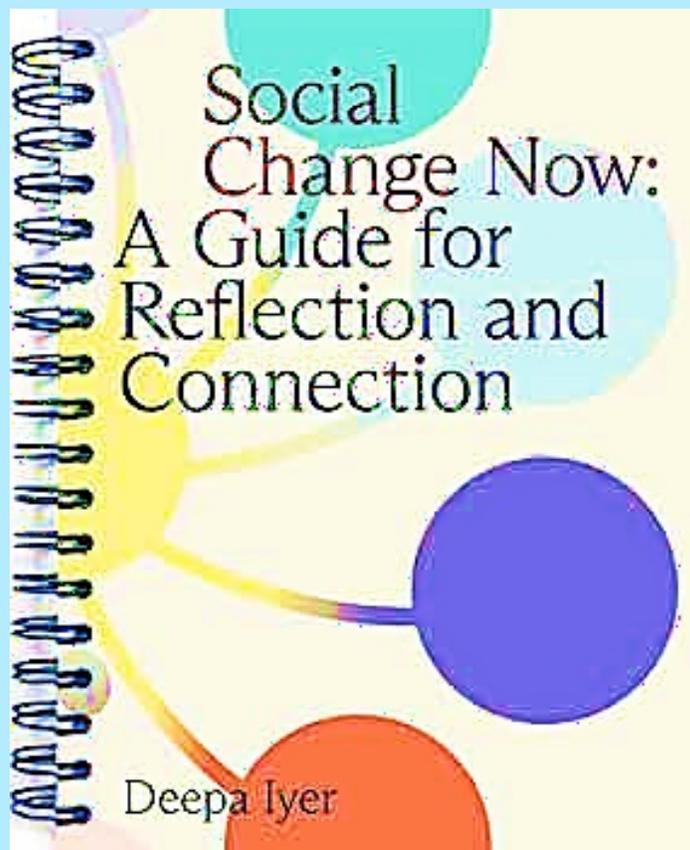
Elly Keane has posted a signup sheet above the hospitality table where everyone has the opportunity to volunteer to bring something. It can be store bought or homemade.

Your choice of Sundays.

Questions; contact Elly after service.



Also needed are volunteers to help with setting up and cleaning up for our Hospitality Hour. For dates contact Elly Keane, hospitality@riverofgrassuu.org



2025-2026 Common Read

Each year the UUA promotes the Common Read for us to explore together and reflect upon. This year's choice will ground us in our faith as we grapple with how to meet the moment that we find ourselves in.

Books will be available to purchase or borrow on Sunday, August 17.

See our Director of Faith Development, Karen Gonzalez, to obtain a book or sign up for our September reflection workshops which will take place in A-9 + Zoom from noon to 2 on Sundays September 14th, 21st and 28th.

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, President of the UUA, invites us to explore this year's Common Read:

https://vimeo.com/1090217855?&login=true#_=_



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Justice** Leana Bresnahan

Sunday, August 17, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, August 21, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, August 24, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, August 24, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, August 28, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, August 31, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service Love at the Center** Leana Bresnahan

Sunday, August 31, 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=TDdRdmhML3FoVVEvbNkRXRC9qRIJPQT09>

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

Worship Service:

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Green Tip of the Week

Ditch single use coffee pods

There are enough of these in landfills to circle the globe numerous times

Even the creator of the k-cup, John Sylvan, regrets their environmental impact.

There are billions in landfills.

Instead, switch to refillable stainless steel pods.

And use the coffee of your choice,



From the Church Bulletin

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

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.





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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