



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 28, 2025

Sunday Service, August 31, 2025

Love at the Center: May it Be So – Leana Bresnahan

“There are two aspects of the nature of love that are especially important when we consider love as at the center of our tradition as Unitarian universalists. The first is the fact that love implies relationship and the second is that love is expansive and active, both noun & verb.”

*Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray in her essay
“Beloved Community is Love at the Center”*

As our summer series of services dedicated to exploring our members’ perspectives on our Unitarian Universalist values draws to a close this Sunday, we will consider the deep and varied implications of holding love at the very center of our values means to us as Unitarian Universalists: in how we live our lives; how we relate to each other and the world; in how we build Beloved Community.

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** (link below).

- 11850 W State Road 84, Suite A-9, Davie, FL 33325
- Children's & youth's Faith Development at 10:30. Childcare provided.

Welcome to another year of developing our faith at River of Grass!

Children's Faith Development 2025-26

Regular attendance makes a real difference in your child's faith development. It helps your child establish friendships and provides a sense of continuity for students and teachers alike.

Registration link below.

Nursery Registration

The River of Grass Nursery encourages curiosity and provides comfort and care. ***Registration link below.***

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.

Faith Development Registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1raBI4twTI0F6ZtVgznrTuGVopAUOhGt3kSARzg6g3Go/viewform?edit_requested=true

Nursery Registration:

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Worship Service:

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

Meeting ID: 916 6308 1076.

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

Meditation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/646777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTvcyZz09#success>



End of Summer Clean-up

Let's prepare our home for the new year with a little sprucing up.

We'll gather at the River on Sat, Aug 30, 12-4 to accomplish many small tasks.

Please pick something that will bring you joy (or at least a little satisfaction) from the spreadsheet below.

(Some can be accomplished at other times, if need be.)

Click on the google form below to choose an activity.

Questions, contact Facilities@riverofgrassuu.org.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Jqd0YMVNMft_046acQXUS4fHKD72p-lHbvoa5lR1QrY/viewform?edit_requested=true



New Member Celebration Sunday, September 28, 2025

If you are interested in joining
River of Grass UU Congregation
please contact Leana Bresnahan at
membership@riverofrassuu.org



SHARING CIRCLE

After service this week, we invite all who would like to gather in a circle in the sanctuary to reflect together on what we have learned this summer about our Unitarian Universalist values and how what we learned may inform our lives going forward.

We will begin at noon and end by 1 pm.
Members and friends and visitors alike are welcome!



Annual Water Ingathering

September 7

Please remember to bring a small amount of water that represents a way that water has held you, inspired you, or saved you in this past year.

EMMA'S REVOLUTION

"PAT'S SONGS WILL BE SUNG WELL INTO THE 22ND CENTURY"
- PETE SEEGER



WE ARE THE POWER

FRI SEPT 12TH 7PM DOORS 6PM

RIVER OF GRASS UU CAFÉ
11850 STATE ROAD 84 SUITE A9 DAVIE

\$25 THEATER SEATING | \$30 VIP TABLE | \$35 AT THE DOOR

NO ONE TURNED AWAY. DINNER AVAIL FOR PURCHASE

TIX: RIVEROFGRASSUU.ORG/EMMAS-REVOLUTION



LifeNet4Families

funding has been cut by one half.

The number of people fed each day HAS NOT gone down.

Please bring non-perishable foods and new underwear and Tshirts in the package for all ages & genders.

Please place all contributions in the basket in the hallway





Moonpath CUUPs.

the South Florida Eclectic Pagan group affiliated with the UU Congregation of Fort Lauderdale meets Thursday evenings at UUCFL.

"Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."

Door opens at 7pm, come to socialize before we start the meeting at 7:30.

Love offerings accepted,
we provide coffee and tea.

UU Congregation of Fort Lauderdale
2810 Griffin Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312



August 28, 1963
March on Washington
for Jobs and Freedom,
the largest demonstration in the history
of the nation's capital.

Martin Luther King's I Have a Dream Speech:

"I have a dream that my four little children
will one day live in a nation
where they will not be judged
by the color of their skin,
but by the
content of their character."



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday, August 30, 12-4pm **End of Summer Cleanup A-9** Leana Besnahan, Karen Gonzalez

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

Thursday, September 4, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, September 4, 7pm Zoom+A-9 **Men's Group** Ken Bresnahan

Sunday, September 7, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Worship Service Building Belonging; Water Ingathering** Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, September 7, 10:30am A-9 + Zoom **Children and Youth Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, September 11, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World** Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Sunday, September 14, 10:30am A-9+Zoom

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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>

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Men's Group

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Order of Service August 31, 2025

Morning Sing #389 Gathered Here in the Mystery of the Hour; Words, Music by Philip Porter

#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are; Words adapted from Rumi; Music by Lynn Unger

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

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude Put a Little Love In Your Heart; Word, Music by Jackie DeShannon, Jimmy Holiday & Randy Myers

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Music #354 We Laugh, We Cry; Words, Music by Shelley Jackson Denham

Chalice Lighting

Covenant

Deepening Music #95 There Is More Love Somewhere; Words, Music: African Amer hymn

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response #371 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381 by Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story "I Am Love: A Book of Action" Written by Susan Verde; Art by Peter H. Reynolds

Sing the Children to Class "We Love You and Bless You" by RevAmy Carol Webb

Heritage

Hope

Offering/Offertory Love is All You Need; Words, Music by John Lennon & Paul McCartney

VIDEO Love is Love is Love is Love; Words, Music by Abbie Betinis, Performed; River of Grass Choir

Message "Love at the Center: May It Be So"

Closing Music #131 Love Will Guide Us; Words by Sally Rogers; Music Trad

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Shine On

Invitation to Hospitality

Music Reprise



Green Tip of the Week **Ditch wrapping paper; use green alternatives**

Be sustainable by using:

Newspaper [especially the funny pages]

- Unused fabric; decorate with a pinecone
 - unused oven mitt for small items
- discarded paper shopping bags with store logos
 - old sheet music
- kid's artwork [especially for grandparents]

River of Grass

is a **Welcoming Congregation**

This program helps us learn how to undo homophobia—and later, transphobia (prejudice against transgender people)—in our hearts and minds, our congregations, and our communities.





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.

Unsubscribe - If you do not wish to receive this weekly email, please send an email to 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, 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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Steve Jens-Rochow, Editor
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Bisexual Pride Day September 23

Bisexual Day of Visibility, also known as Bi Visibility Day or Celebrate Bisexuality Day, will be on September 23, 2025. This day is observed annually to recognize and celebrate the bisexual+ community and its history. It's a time to acknowledge the experiences and resilience of bisexual individuals and promote acceptance of the broader bi+ community (including pansexual, omnisexual, fluid, and queer individuals)

