



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 7, 2025

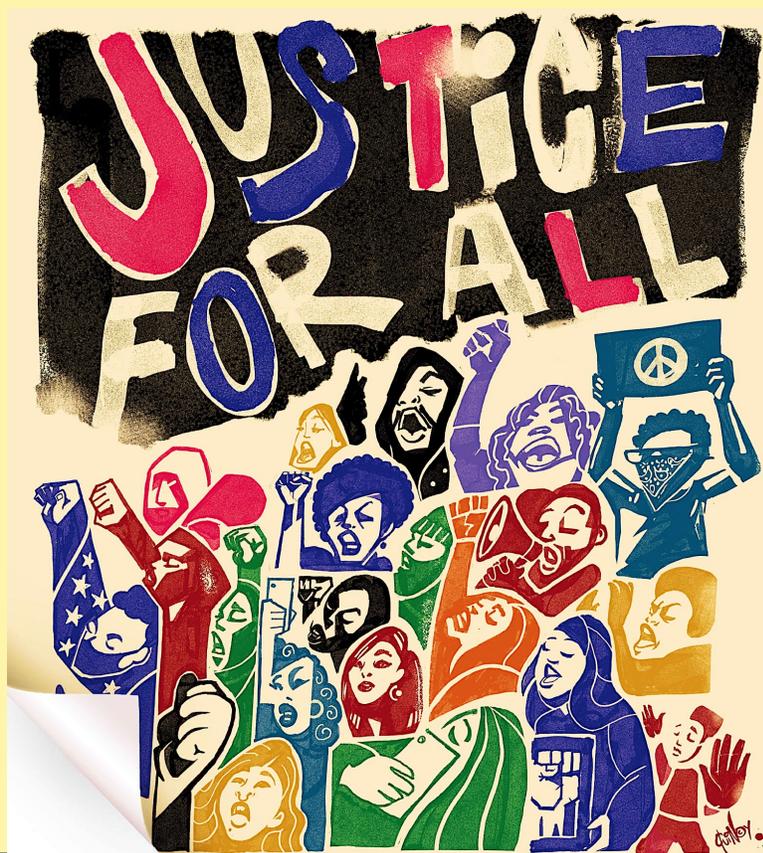
Sunday Service, August 10, 2025

UU Values: Justice

Steve Jens-Rochow, Diane Diaz, Leana Bresnahan

“Darkness cannot drive
out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive
out hate;
only love can do that.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.



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.

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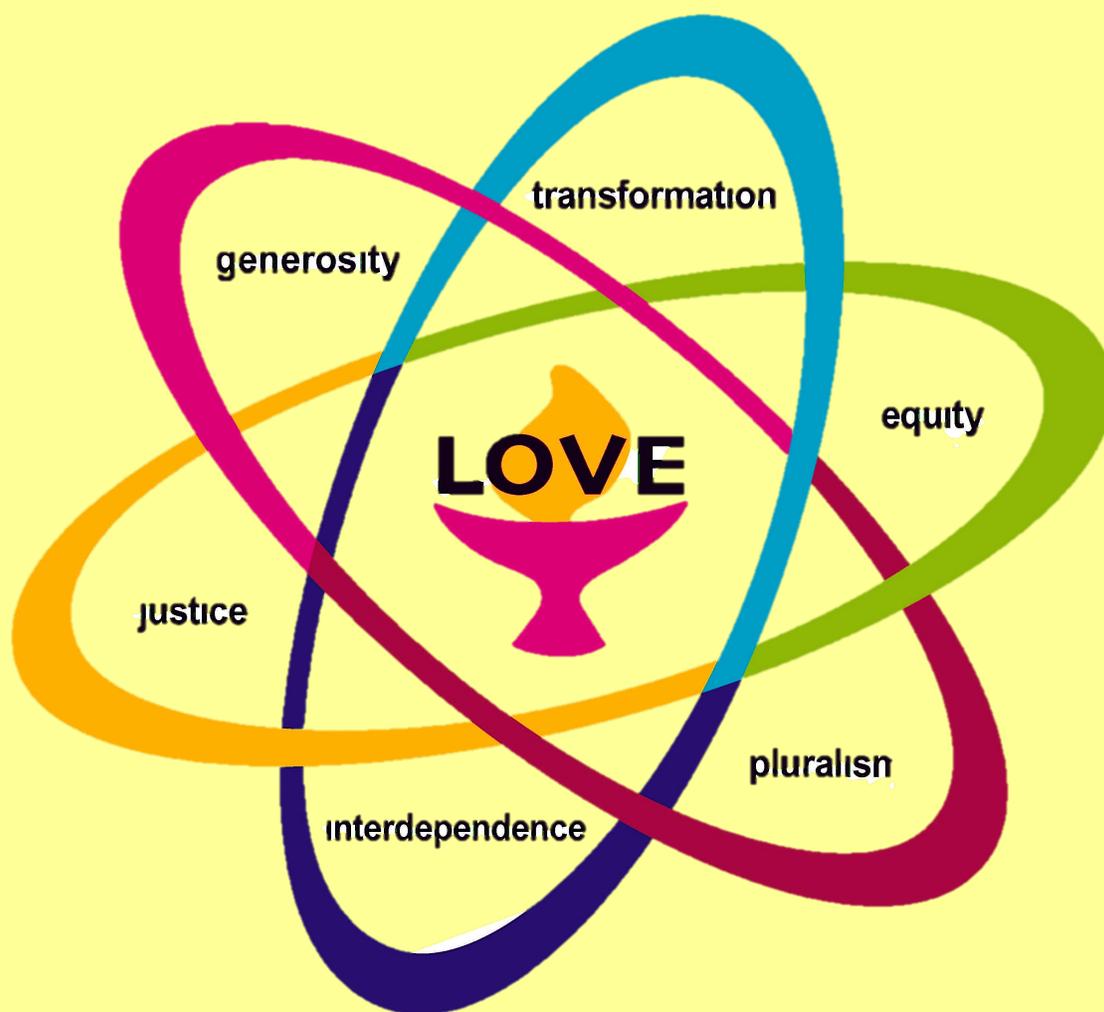
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Meditation:

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

River of Grass Summer Worship Services

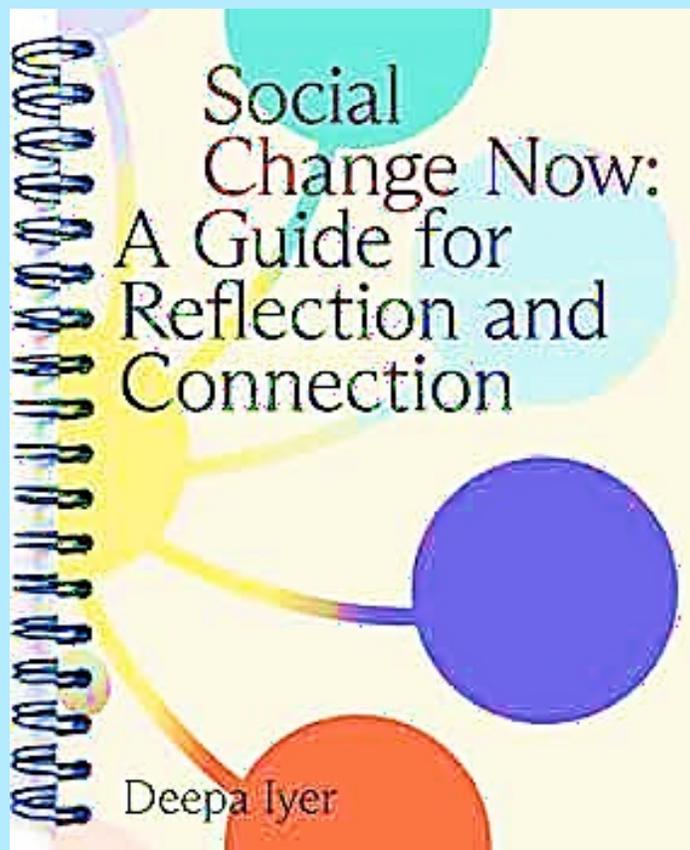


August 10 Justice – Steve Jens-Rochow,
Diane Diaz
Leana Bresnahan

August 17 Justice – Leana Bresnahan

August 24 – Ken Bresnahan

August 31 Love at the Center – Leana Bresnahan



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 10.

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

Thursday, August 7, 7pm **Men's Group** A-9 + Zoom Ken Bresnahan Topic: Family Hand Me Downs

Sunday, August 10, 10:30am A-9+Zoom **Justice Worship Service** Steve Jens-Rochow, Diane Diaz, Leana Bresnahan

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 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 Justice** Leana Bresnahan

Sunday, August 24, 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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Men's Group

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Order of Service Sunday, August 10, 2025

Morning Sing Oh, Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Web

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round; African American Spiritual

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #1017 Building a New Way; Words and Music by Margaret Sandefer

Chalice Lighting

We rekindle this flame on behalf of those who feel abandoned and betrayed and cry for freedom. For the oppressed, for all of the children who ask, why can we not live in peace?

By lighting this chalice today,

help us to rekindle compassion and mercy within the deep crevices of our hearts

So that we can once again bring justice and hope to a world

struggling to find its humanity Struggling to find its soul. ~ Sumner Albayati

Covenant

Offering / Offertory

Deepening Hymn #170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People; Words and Music: Holly Near

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Responsive Reading A Network of Mutuality; Martin Luther King, jr.

Offering/Offertory #402 From You I Receive; Words, Music by Joseph+Nathan Segal

Wisdom Story "The House that Jane Built" by Tanya Lee Stone, Illustrated: Kathryn Brown

Heritage Rev Thomas Starr King

Hope River of Grass

Messages

Steve Jens-Rochow - The Prophetic Imperative

Diane Diaz - Vietnam War

Leana Bresnahan - Justice Seekers

SENDING

Closing Music

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

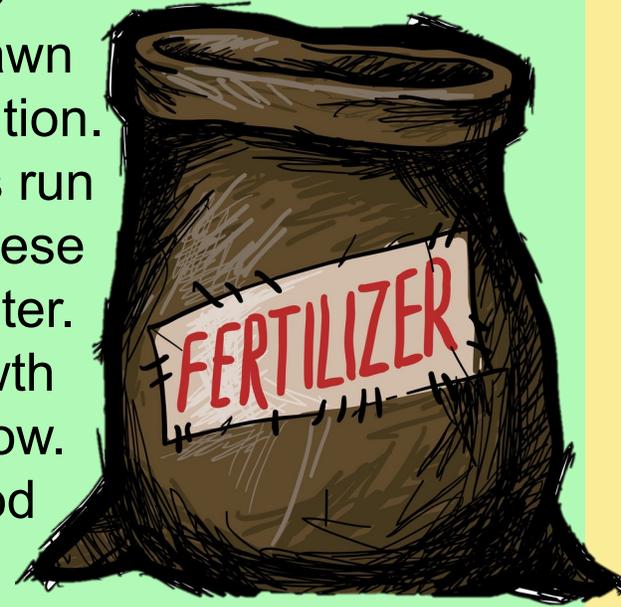
Music Reprise



Green Tip of the Week

Don't Use Lawn Chemicals

The EPA considers runoff from lawn chemicals a source of water pollution. When it rains, the excess chemicals run off into streams and lakes. These chemicals can get into our drinking water. The nutrients that promote grass growth also cause algae & pond weeds to grow. It creates a cycle that can affect food quality and the habitat for fish and other organisms.



From the Church Bulletin

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

Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.





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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