

River of Grass UU Congregation

May 26, 2024 – 10:30 AM

MASK ALERT!

Just when you thought it might be time to put away that mask!

We are experiencing a flu/cold outbreak in the congregation. Several people have been struck down and even one in the hospital.

So the word for the next few days is “*Self Care*”,

If you are sick or are feeling kind of punky, please stay home, rest, hydrate and heal.

If anyone in your household is sick, please, rest, and hydrate. Wear a mask if you go out.

And if you are fortunate to be well, take care. Be cautious and we recommend wearing a mask outside.

Sunday, oh what to do?

Yes, we will have an in-person service as well as streaming out virtually.

It is up to you to decide whether to attend in person or online. If you do attend in person, we recommend you wear a mask, just to protect yourself and others in the congregation who may be vulnerable.

Thank heaven for Musicians!

I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music.

- Billy Joel

I have always said that we have the absolute best people in this congregation.

With almost all of the Sunday service crew struck down with the flu, Gary Gonzalez & Cecelia Roy (and maybe others) are pulling together a music service (Bless their hearts!).

Be sure to attend whether in person or virtually. There will be music and music, and music.

PS While you may be inclined to sing along, please do. It is healing. Remember that singing without a mask can also spread more germs than speaking.

Come as you are at 10:30 this Sunday morning. Come a bit before and we can chat prior to the service. We'll be watching for you!

In person at:

- **11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325** ([Click for Directions](#))
- Service will begin at **10:30 AM**
- Childcare will be provided.

Worship Team

Thank heaven for *Musicians!*
River of Grass – May 26, 2024 – Order of Service

Prelude – “Try a Little Kindness” Words & Music: Curt Sapaugh and Bobby Austin; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

Welcome – Gary Gonzalez

Call to Worship – “We are the Music” Written by: Rev. Renee Ruchotzke

Theme Hymn #1017– “Building a New Way” Words & Music: Martha Sandefer; Performed by: River of Grass choir; Theo Lucas, Director

Chalice Lighting –

The Ember of Hope, and Love Set Ablaze – Rev. Lisa Loege

What if -

sometimes it's not about a light in the darkness?

What if -

sometimes it's about sparking potential into possibility, and possibility into existence?

What if -

*sometimes the flame that burns in the chalice of our faith is nothing less than the ember of hope
and nothing more than love set ablaze?*

What if -

*sometimes all we need do is follow this flame—one among scores, hundreds, thousands of steadily
flickering flames across the land and among so many peoples—on the way to justice and into
the land of peace?*

What if -

we dare to kindle that chalice?

Covenant

In the light of love, let us renew our covenant as we say together:

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.

Deepening Music #123 – “Spirit of Life” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade; Performed by: Cecilia Roy and Gary Gonzalez

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #371, text #381 – Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; Words: Composite Based on Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Heritage and Hope – Pete Seeger and Matt Meyer

Offering Song – “If I Had a Hammer” Words & Music: Pete Seeger; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, Gary Gonzalez, and Tori Schreiber

Offering – [Sunday Plate Donation](#)

Thank You

Wisdom Story – “Right Field” Written by: Willy Welch; Told by: Gary Gonzalez

Singing Youth to Class – “We Love You and Bless You” Words & Music: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Message – “12 Notes – Endless Possibilities” Gary Gonzalez

Music – “Everything Possible” Words & Music: Fred Small; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Tori Schreiber

Music – “Blackbird” Words & Music: Paul McCartney; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Cecilia Roy

Music – “Put a Little Love in Your Heart” Words & Music: Jackie DeShannon, Jimmy Holiday, and Randy Myers; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Cecilia Roy

Music – “Here Comes the Sun” Words & Music: George Harrison; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Cecilia Roy

Music – “It’s All Right Now” Words & Music: Gary Gonzalez; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

Music – “Imagine” Words & Music: John Lennon; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Cecilia Roy

Closing Music #1064 – “Blue Boat Home” Words: Peter Meyer; Music: Roland Hugh Prichard; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Cecilia Roy

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish the Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Music Reprise

This Week's Team:

Monthly Theme:	Possibility	Audio Tech:	Renato DeMoraes
Worship Chair:	Kathy Jens-Rochow	PPT Builder/Runner:	Steve Jens-Rochow
Worship Leader:	Gary Gonzalez	Story Builder:	Gary Gonzalez
Worship Host:	Gary Gonzalez	Tech Broadcast:	Gary Gonzalez
Musician:	Cecilia Roy Gary Gonzalez Tori Schreiber	Ushers:	Kristine Barkley
Storyteller:	Gary Gonzalez	Office OOS:	Sandy Blair Chibnick
Zoom Host:	Susan Juncosa N/A	Media Librarian:	Brit Lundell