

# River of Grass UU Congregation

June 9, 2024 – 10:30 AM

## Play is Serious Work – a Faith Development Worship Experience

*“It is a happy talent to know how to play.”*

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Let’s take a playful look at a serious subject. Our children and youth have spent the last year learning about the proposed updates to our Unitarian Universalist Association Bylaws. If that doesn’t sound like fun to you, then think again! Children learn by playing, so let’s all be a little playful and see what we can learn. American Naturalist, John Muir, said it best, “Surely, all God’s people like to play!”

Come as you are at 10:30 this Sunday morning – either in-person at our new location in Davie (info below) or virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live. 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.

Use the Zoom link below to gather with us virtually in Zoom. Catch us on Facebook live on our [Facebook page](#).

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/961564350?pwd=cFpKY2RtRk4wVE5NbDczdTU5THViQT09>

Meeting ID: 961 564 350; Password: 873805

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab3E9JRtb9>

Karen Gonzalez

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## River of Grass – June 9, 2024 – Order of Service

**Prelude** – “Let the Children Play” Words & Music: Carlos Santan; Performed by: River of Grass Band

**Welcome** – Leana Bresnahan

**Call to Worship** – “Entering the Bright World” Written by: Shari Woodbury

**Theme Hymn** – “I Make My Own Sunshine” Words & Music: Alyssa Bonagura; Performed by: River of Grass choir; Theo Lucas, Director

**Chalice Lighting** –

*Under the right circumstances, playing with fire is a delight—imagine being gathered round a firepit as the crackling flames invite us to sing, dance, and roast a marshmallow or two.*

*Our chalice also invites us to play, although with ideas rather than with marshmallows. The flame encourages us to explore who we are, who our neighbors are, and where we are on our spiritual journeys.*

*Today, we light this chalice in the spirit of play. Let us trust the light to guide us in this hour and in the days to come, finding joy along the way. (Melanie Davis)*

**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 #346** – “Come, Sing a Song with Me” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb 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**

**Offering Music** – “Imagine” Words & Music: John Lennon; Performed by: Aaron Stang

**Offering** – [Sunday Plate Donation](#)

**Wisdom Story** – “maybe” Written by: Kobi Yamada; Told by: Karen Gonzalez

**Message** – “Play is Serious Work” Karen Gonzalez and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

**Closing Music #1064** – “Blue Boat Home” Words: EPeter Mayer; Music: Roland Hugh Prichard; Performed by: River of Grass Band

**Announcements**

**Closing Words**

**Extinguish the Chalice**

**Shine On**

**Invite to Hospitality**

**Music Reprise**

**This Week's Team:**

|                          |                                       |                            |                          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monthly Theme:</b>    | Play                                  | <b>Audio Tech:</b>         | Brit and Maureen Lundell |
| <b>Worship Co-chair:</b> | Kathy Jens-Rochow                     | <b>PPT Builder/Runner:</b> | Kathy Jens-Rochow        |
| <b>Worship Leader:</b>   | Karen Gonzalez<br>Rev. Amy Carol Webb | <b>Story Builder:</b>      | n/a                      |
| <b>Worship Host:</b>     | Leana Bresnahan                       | <b>Tech Broadcast:</b>     | Rebecca Rice             |
| <b>Musician:</b>         | Rev. Amy Carol Webb;<br>Gary Gonzalez | <b>Ushers:</b>             | Diane Diaz               |
| <b>Storyteller:</b>      | Karen Gonzalez                        | <b>Office OOS:</b>         | Sandy Blair Chibnick     |
| <b>Zoom Host:</b>        | Susan Juncosa                         | <b>Media Librarian:</b>    | Brit Lundell             |