

River of Grass UU Congregation

August 25, 2024 – 10:30 AM

Theodore Parker – The Outcast Hero

“Be ours a religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere; its temple, all space; its shrine, the good heart; its creed, all truth; its ritual, works of love; its profession of faith, divine living.”

- Theodore Parker

Parker gave of himself, of what he knew and thought, unstintingly, to preaching, to reforming, to ministering, to politicking, to helping the poor and oppressed, to socializing with a wide range of friends, to letter-writing to correspondents all over the country.

Despite these many directions in his life, Theodore Parker had two major roles that have made their mark in history. He was also one of the greatest and most popular orators of his time, a time when oratory was one of the great entertainments for all groups of people. His Twenty-Eighth Congregational Society in Boston numbered 7,000 members, with perhaps 2,000 attending every Sunday.

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>

Kathy Jens-Rochow

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Prelude – “Sing with the Spirit” Words & Music: Kitty Oliver; Performed by: Kitty Oliver

Welcome

Call to Worship – Responsive Reading by Marta I. Valentin

We come together today

To honor the universal community of seekers to which we all belong.

*We gather together today to share
from our deepest place of safety
that we might nurture ourselves by
celebrating one another.*

We call into our presence this hour
Our ancestors
Whose love, labor and commitment
Made it possible for us to be here now.

Let us open to this moment
With hearts that have no borders.

Hymn #123 – “Spirit of Live” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice with an open heart;

We light this chalice with resolve.

We light this chalice with tears still fresh on our cheeks.

We light this chalice in hope, a tiny flame we nurture.

We light this chalice with reverence, for this place, for these people, for this time.

*We light this chalice with all our soul’s longing, to be who we are, to be who will we will become, to
be ourselves.*

We light this chalice in self-love, in giving love, in holy love. (SarahRuth Wekoya 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.

Music #131 – “Love Will Guide Us” Words: Sally Rogers; Music: Traditional

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Response

Offering – [Sunday Plate Donation](#)

Offertory Music – “Recuerdos de la Alhambra” Music: Francisco Tarrega; Performed by: Brenda Parker, piano

Wisdom Story

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

Message – “Theodore Parker – Outcast Hero” Kathy Jens-Rochow

Closing Music #1008 – “When Our Heart is in a Holy Place” Words & Music: Joyce Poley

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish the Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Music Reprise