

River of Grass UU Congregation

September 4, 2022 – 10:30 am

River Dance: Over Under Around & Through Water Ingathering 2022

I am one thing. I am many things. I am water.

This is my dance through our world.

- Thomas Locker

Once more we make our way over, under, around, and through as we gather for our 2022-2023 Congregational Year with our first in-person all-generation Water Ceremony (and it will be special on zoom too!). We will mingle the waters of our journeys, bless one another in service, bless our young'uns backpacks for the new school year, and celebrate the River Dance of our lives together!

In-person folks, remember to bring your waters of meaning for our shared ceremony, zoom folks, have your waters of meaning with you on the screen and we'll all take it together from there.

Come as you are – either in-person at University of Florida IFAS Satellite Building or virtually on Zoom. We welcome you on Sunday morning at 10:30. Come a bit before and we can Chat prior to the service... See you then!

In person at:

University of Florida - IFAS

Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center

3205 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314

Directions: <https://flrec.ifas.ufl.edu/directions/>

If you Are arriving via University Drive:

Turn east at Nova Drive (SW 24th Street), which would be a right turn if driving from the south and a left turn if driving from the north.

Drive east on Nova Drive to the first stoplight, which is College Avenue.

Turn right onto College Avenue and drive south ¼ mile to the first entrance on the right side of the street. Look for a large blue monument sign with University of Florida on it. The entrance is 600 feet past this monument sign.

We'll be live on Zoom at the link below, as well as 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>

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

River Dance: Over Under Around & Through (Water Ingathering)

River of Grass – September 4, 2022 – Order of Service

Prelude – “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” Words: Rumi, Music: Rev. Lynn Ungar; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

Welcome

Reading/Call to Worship

Theme Hymn – “Here We Have Gathered” Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Genevan Psalter; Performed by: River of Grass Choir

Chalice Lighting

*We light this chalice today
With the very gladness of our hearts
To come again to this place of belonging
This place made holy by the waters of life
We mingle as one,
Even as we ourselves join as one
That we may be transformed
And transform our world. (Webb)*

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.*

Music – “Wade in the Water” Words & Music: Linda Hirschhorn; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Aaron Stang

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Offering – “The Water is Wide” Words: Unknown; Music: Spiritual; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Aaron Stang

<http://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

Faith Development Service Blessing

Music – “There is a Love” Words: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker; Music: Elizabeth Norton; Performed by: River of Grass Choir

Message – “Over Under Around & Through” Karen Gonzalez and Leana Bresnahan

Closing Music – “We are Made of Rain” Words & Music: Amy Carol Webb; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Aaron Stang

Announcements

Blessing

Extinguish Chalice

Hospitality Connection