

# River of Grass UU Congregation

October 2, 2022 – 10:30 am

## My Story: Gathering Courage, Summoning Hope

“There is a quiet courage in the choice to let go of the past, in the choice to be present in this new day to live for this hour, this moment and to believe in its possibility.”

~ Rev. Gretchen Haley

Sunday’s worship service is presented by Milton Carp, a new member of our congregation. Milton will share his journey of challenges, loss and inspiration, but mostly he will talk about love. Part of his healing has come in writing a book of poetry called “Poetry - My Voice”.

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/about-us/>

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 <https://www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu>.

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>

Worship Team

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## **River of Grass – October 2, 2022 – Order of Service**

**Prelude #325** – “Love Makes A Bridge” Words: Brian Wren; Music: Gerald Wheeler; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

### **Welcome**

### **Reading/Call to Worship**

**Theme Hymn** – “Just As Long As I Have Breath” Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Johann Ebeling; Performed by: River of Grass Choir and accompanied by Gary Gonzalez

### **Chalice Lighting**

*There is a quiet courage  
In the choice to let go of the past,  
in the choice to be present in this new day  
to live for this hour,  
this moment  
and to believe in its possibility -  
to release the regrets,  
to stop the spinning stories of what was  
and is no longer,  
to accept this gift  
to believe that we are worthy  
still of happiness (Rev. Gretchen Haley)*

### **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.*

**Hymn #396** – “I Know This Rose Will Open” Words & Music: Maria E. Grigolia; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

### **Candles of Community**

### **Response**

**Offering** – <http://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

**Wisdom Story** – “Christopher Reeve – A Different Kind of Superhero” from: Tapestry of Faith; Told by: Diane Diaz

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

**Message** – “My Story” Milton Carp

**Closing Music** – “I’ll Be Seeing You” Words: Irving Kahal; Music: Sammy Fain; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

### **Announcements**

### **Closing Words**

### **Extinguish Chalice**

### **Hospitality Connection**