

River of Grass UU Congregation

February 5, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Healing: Bending the Arc Through Decriminalization

Cornell West famously reminds us that justice is what love looks like in public. As Unitarian Universalists, our work for justice is an expression of deep belief that all people are worthy of love and liberation. Today, that work often looks like resisting the criminalization of people's identities, their bodies, and their communities.

As a strategy, decriminalization sets us on course to heal, to be held accountable, and to be fully human with one another. Decriminalization cultivates the conditions for wider and deeper transformation. – Nicole Pressley

This Sunday, Feb 05, we begin our month-long deep-dive into what it means to be a people Love, while continuing our 2023 Bending the Arc Toward Justice series, along with this year's UU-wide Side With Love 30 Days of Love, "Spiritual Nourishment for the Long Haul."

Join us to deepen, widen, and strengthen our work to be the justice that love looks like in public!

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse at the Historical Auditorium 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... We'll be watching for you!

In person at:

- Our new Sunday morning rental space at the Old Davie Schoolhouse!
- 6650 Griffin Road, Davie, FL 33314 ([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>

Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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River of Grass – February 5, 2023 – Order of Service

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

Welcome

Call to Worship – “Know Only that You Are Loved” Rev. Gretchen Haley

Theme Hymn – “Love Will Guide Us” Words: Sally Rogers; Music: Traditional; Performed by: River of Grass Choir and Cecilia Roy, piano

Chalice Lighting

In these hard times, let us look first to the response of love.

In the midst of challenge, may our chalice flame bear witness to the inherent worth and dignity of every human being.

In the midst of uncertainty, may our chalice be a beacon of encouragement,

that our values may guide our choices.

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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 – “Meditation on Breathing” Words & Music: Sarah Dan Jones; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, Piano

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Offering – “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” Music by: Johann Sebastian Bach; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, Piano

Wisdom Story – “Transformation Soup: Stirring Up Love” based on a groundling by Lora Powell Haney

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

Music Meditation – “Love Is In The Water” Words & Music: Pat Wiktor; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Message – “Healing: Bending the Arc Through Decriminalization” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Music – “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire” Words: Hal Hopson; Music: Traditional English melody; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality