

# River of Grass UU Congregation

February 12, 2023 – 10:30 AM

## Side with Love: What I Call Myself

*You know, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender - people are people.*

*Judith Light*

Sunday's worship service focuses on ... Proper use of gender identity terms, including pronouns, is a crucial way to signal courtesy and acceptance. Alex Schmider, associate director of transgender representation at GLAAD, compares using someone's correct pronouns to pronouncing their name correctly – "a way of respecting them and referring to them in a way that's consistent and true to who they are."

One thing to note: Language changes. Some of the terms now in common usage are different from those used in the past to describe similar ideas, identities and experiences. Some people may continue to use terms that are less commonly used now to describe themselves, and some people may use different terms entirely. What's important is recognizing and respecting people as individuals.

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>

Kathy Jens-Rochow

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## River of Grass – February 12, 2023 – Order of Service

**Prelude** – “Draw the Circle Wide” Words: Gordon Light; Music: Mark A. Miller

**Welcome** – Leana Bresnahan

**Call to Worship** – Kathy Jens-Rochow

**Theme Hymn** – “Love Will Guide Us” Words: Sally Rogers; Music: Traditional

**Chalice Lighting** – “Out of the Flames” by: Sara Eileen LaWall

*Out of the flames of fear*

*We rise with courage of our deepest convictions*

*to stand for justice, inclusion and peace*

*Out of the flames of scrutiny*

*We rise to proclaim our faith*

*With hope to heal a fractured and hurting world*

*Out of the flames of doubt*

*We rise to embrace the mystery, wonder and awe*

*of all there is and all that is yet to be*

*Out of the flames of hate*

*We rise with the force of love*

*Love that celebrates our shared humanity*

*Out of the flames we rise*

### **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** – “Love is Love is Love” Words & Music: Abbie Betinis and Johann Pachelbel

### **Candles of Community**

#### **Response**

**Offering** – “What’s Going On” Music by: Marvin Gaye

**Wisdom Story** – “I Am Jazz” by: Jazz Jennings; Illustrated by: Shelagh McNicholas; Read by: Tanya Gonzalez

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

**Message** – “Side With Love – What I Call Myself” Kathy Jens-Rochow

**Music** – “We are a Gentle Angry People” Words & Music: Holly Near

#### **Announcements**

#### **Closing Words**

#### **Extinguish Chalice**

#### **Shine On**

#### **Invite to Hospitality**