

River of Grass UU Congregation

September 17, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Making Maps & Setting Our Sails: Water Ingathering 2023

Water is life's matter and matrix, mother and medium.

There is no life without water.

– Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

As we continue in our exploration of Renewal through September, this Sunday we celebrate our annual Water Ingathering to bless our new congregational year with the mingling of the waters of our lives -- especially meaningful in this time of emergence into a new chapter for River of Grass and, for world we navigate in these tumultuous times.

Remember to bring water to our in-person gathering -- which can be from your literal travels, or symbolic of your spiritual journeys -- as we renew our commitments to one another, to this Beloved Community at River of Grass, to our Unitarian Universalist faith, and to the good work at hand for us in the coming year. Folks who are Love-streaming with us on zoom or Facebook live, also remember to bring water to your screen!

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse 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 Sunday morning rental space is located 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 – September 17, 2023 – Order of Service

Prelude – “Sailing” Words & Music: Christopher Cross; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Welcome – Karen Gonzalez

Call to Worship – “The Strength of Water” Written by: Jamila Batchelder, Molly Housh Gordon

Theme Hymn #361 – “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” Words & Music: Louise Ruspini; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and the 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 #210 – “Wade in the Water” Words & Music: African American spiritual; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Offering Music – “The Water is Wide” Words & Music: Traditional; Performed by: Aaron Stang

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

Wisdom Story – “Sail” Written by: Dorien Brouers; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Special Music – “Watchin’ the River Run” Words & Music: Kenny Loggins; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Aaron Stang

Message – “Making Maps & Setting Our Sails: Water Ingathering” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music #1064 – “Blue Boat Home” Words & Music: Peter Mayer; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality