

River of Grass UU Congregation

October 1, 2023 – 10:30 AM

What the Hell!: Celebrating Universalism Day

Give them not hell, but hope!

- Attributed to John Murray

*If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury,
but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good.*

Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

- Hosea Ballou

Hey, did you know that the “hell” so many of us have been taught to fear is not actually in the bible? Nope. It’s not. Well then, what do we make of the notions of sin, vengeance, accountability, atonement?

Let’s talk about it together this Sunday as we celebrate Universalism as a source of hope that guides us and love that holds us, as we learn the peace and joy that is our birthright in the Universalist faith we inherit from the likes of John Murray and Hosea Ballou ... and the prophet he was names for ... and Julian of Norwich, and Job, and Elisha, and Isaiah!

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

Welcome

Call to Worship – from “A Treatise on Atonement” by: Hosea Ballou

Opening Hymn #396 – “I Know this Rose will Open” Words & Music: Mary E. Grigolia; Performed by:
Cecila Roy, piano

Chalice Lighting

We light this sacred flame today

That by its light

We may see the paths before us

And live the Way of Love

Unfolding through us. (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.

Deepening Music – “There is a Love” Words: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker; Music: Elizabeth Norton;
Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Candles of Community

Pastoral Response

Heritage & Hope

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

Birthday Video

Wisdom Story – “John Murray Sailed Over the Ocean” Words by: Rev. Eric Posa; Read by: Karen
Gonzalez

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

Message – “What the Hell!: Celebrating Universalism Day” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music #100 – “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” Words & Music: Marvin V. Frey

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality