

# River of Grass UU Congregation

November 26, 2023 – 10:30 AM

## UUSC's Guest at Your Table: Pursuing Liberation

The alarming rise of fascism, authoritarianism, and nationalism in the United States and in many places around the world are putting the lives of people, and the sustainability of the planet, in critical danger. These far-right forces have co-opted the word “freedom” for their own purposes, but the concepts of liberation and freedom mean something very tangible to UUSC’s grassroots partners in communities the world over. Fighting for Justice against these forces, UUSC partners invite us into an expansive, regenerative space to pursue liberation.

Join us for this year’s Guest at Your Table program to learn what UUSC partners are doing to address immediate injustices – as well as the collective liberation they envision for the future.

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>

Steve Jens-Rochow

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**Prelude** – Performed by: Cecilia Roy

**Welcome** – Kat Holland

**Call to Worship** – “To the People Who Have Mistaken Freedom for Liberation” by: the Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

**Theme Hymn #1031** – “Filled with Loving Kindness” Words: Traditional Buddhist Meditation; Music: Ian W. Riddell; Performed by: River of Grass choir; Gary Gonzalez

**Chalice Lighting** – “Out of the Flames” by: the Rev. Sara Eileen LaWal

*Out of the flames of fear*

*We rise with the 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,*

*An open-hearted Love that celebrates our shared humanity.*

*Out of the flames we rise.*

## **Covenant**

*In the light of love, let us renew our covenant as we say together:*

*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 #123** – “Spirit of Life” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

**Responsive Reading #584** – “A Network of Mutuality” by: the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Candles of Community**

**Stones of Reflection**

**Pastoral Response**

**Sung Response**

*From all that dwell below the skies*

*let songs of hope and faith arise;*

*let peace, good will on earth be sung*

*through every land, by every tongue.*

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

**Offering Music**

**UUSC Special Collection**

**Offering Music**

**Wisdom Story** – “What Is Guest at Your Table” [UUSC animated video](#)

**Message** – “Pursuing Liberation” Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto; [UUSC video](#)

**Closing Music #1007** – “There’s a River Flowing in My Soul” Words & Music:Rose Sanders

Performed by: Cecilia Roy

**Announcements**

**Closing Words**

**Extinguish Chalice**

**Shine On**

**Invite to Hospitality**