

# River of Grass UU Congregation

January 7, 2024 – 10:30 AM

## If I Were Brave: A Shredder Communion

What if we're all meant to do what we secretly dream?  
What would you ask if you knew you could have anything?  
Like the mighty oak sleeps in the heart of a seed  
Are there miracles in you and me?  
– Jana Stanfield

As we gather for our first service of the New Year, we begin January's journey of Courage with our annual New Year service centered on rituals guiding us to reflect on what parts of our lives, our notions, ourselves, our community we must leave behind as we take up what lies ahead – asking, what would I do if I were brave?

Come, let us be brave together this Sunday at 10:30! – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Heritage Hall 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... See you then!

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 – January 7, 2024 – Order of Service**

**Prelude** – “Firework” Words & Music: Katy Perry, Mikkel S. Eriksen, Tor Erik Hermansen, Sandy Wilhelm, Ester Dean; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

**Welcome** – Andi Perez

### **Call to Worship**

**Theme Hymn #389** – “Gathered Here” Words & Music: Philip A. Porter; Performed by: River of Grass choir; Gary Gonzalez; and Cecilia Roy

### **Chalice Lighting**

*For all that lies behind  
For all that lies before  
For all that lies within  
We kindle this flame  
To light the way. (Webb)*

### **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 #1007** – “There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul” Words & Music: Rose Sanders; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

### **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.*

### **Heritage and Hope**

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

**Offering Music** – “For All That Is Our Life” Words: Bruce Findlow; Music: Patrick L. Rickey; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

### **January Birthdays**

**Wisdom Story** – “Greta and the Giants” Written by: Zoë Tucker; Illustrated by: Zoe Persico; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

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

**Message** – “If I Were Brave: A Shredder Communion” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

**Closing Music #6** – “Just As Long As I Have Breath” Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Johann G. Ebeling; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

**Announcements**  
**Closing Words**  
**Extinguish Chalice**  
**Shine On**  
**Invite to Hospitality**  
**Music Reprise**