

River of Grass UU Congregation

January 21, 2024 – 10:30 AM

Are We There Yet Bending the Arc 2024

I do not pretend to understand the moral universe.
The arc is a long one. I cannot calculate the curve by experience of sight.
I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see
I am sure it bends toward justice.
- Theodore Parker

Steady progress, in an ever-advancing upward arc – that's how so many of us, too many of us, thought the world would trend throughout our lifetimes. And then. And then, we began to learn that we are not exempt from the vagaries of human history, and that, no, we are not necessarily who and what we thought we were as we look around at where we expected the arc of justice to be reaching right about now, more than a little shocked to realize we are not – and in fact are at risk of sliding backward in dangerous ways.

So what now? Join us this Sunday at 10:30! – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Heritage Hall or virtually on Zoom to explore our part in bending the arc of the universe a bit more toward justice in our time. 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

Are We There Yet: Bending the Arc 2024

River of Grass – January 21, 2024 – Order of Service

Prelude – “He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother” Words & Music: Bob Russell and Bobby Scott; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Welcome – “Everything is Still on Fire” Written by: Rev. Theresa I. Soto

Call to Worship – Rev. Amy Carol Webb

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

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

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 #157 – “Step by Step the Longest March” Words: From the preamble to the Constitution of the United Mine Workers of America; Music: Irish Folk Song; 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

Thank You

Wisdom Story – “Elizabeth Leads the Way” Written by: Tanya Lee Stone; Illustrated by: Rebecca Gibbon; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

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

Message – “Are We There Yet: Bending the Arc 2” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music #169 – “We Shall Overcome” Words & Music: African American spiritual; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

Announcements

Closing Words
Extinguish Chalice
Shine On
Invite to Hospitality
Music Reprise