

River of Grass UU Congregation

February 4, 2024 – 10:30 AM

We're Not Lost, We're Exploring Bending the Arc 2024

There is a thread you follow.
While you hold it you can't get lost
– William Stafford

In this year of making new maps, in the wake of constant shift and change for the last four years – in the world, in our congregation, and within ourselves – with so many societal “landmarks” gone or sincerely altered, it’s not surprising we may look up and feel we’re just not sure where we are anymore. And yet, here we are. Our society so prizes “knowing,” so reveres “having a plan (and sticking to it),” so worships “order” and vaunts “tradition.” If those things aren’t our current reality, it’s easy to conclude we must be lost. What might happen if we reframed this moment in our history as “exploring?” What if our journey of belonging were more spacious and expansive and inviting of new possibilities in new directions and ways of being waiting to be discovered together in Beloved Community?

Gather with us to keep exploring as we launch February’s theme of “Belonging” this Sunday at 10:30! – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Heritage Hall or virtually on Zoom. 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

We're Not Lost, We're Exploring: Bending the Arc 2024

River of Grass – February 4, 2024 – Order of Service

Prelude – “The Long and Winding Road” Words & Music: John Lennon and Paul McCartney; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Welcome – Gary Gonzalez

Call to Worship – “The Way It Is” Written by: William Stafford

Theme Hymn – “Where You Go (I Will Go)” Words & Music: Shoshana Jedwab; Performed by: River of Grass choir; Gary Gonzalez

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 #318 – “We Would Be One” Words: Sameul Anthony Wright; Music: Jean Sibelius; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

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

Birthday Video

Wisdom Story – “The North Star” Written by: Peter Reynolds; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

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

Message – “Bending the Arc: We're Not Lost, We're Exploring” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music #95 – “There is More Love Somewhere” Words & Music: African-American hymn; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice
Shine On
Invite to Hospitality
Music Reprise