

River of Grass UU Congregation

February 18, 2024 – 10:30 AM

Run, River, Run! 25th Anniversary Celebration of Heritage and Hope

Here, stir up your steadfast hope
your resolute clarity of what remains possible –
be generous with your dreaming and brave.
– Gretchen Haley

25 years! It's 25 years since a group of visionaries with steadfast hope gathered to create a sanctuary of liberal religious community in Western Broward County, and called it "River of Grass," after the spirit of the Everglades – the beloved one-in-the-world manifestation of nature and nurture they set out to become.

Join us this Sunday at 10:30 to continue February's theme of "Belonging" with a celebration of River of Grass' 25 years of listening and learning and yearning to run, River, run!

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 and Rev. Ken Beldon

Run River Run: 25th Anniversary Sunday!

River of Grass – February 18, 2024 – Order of Service

Prelude – “Watchin’ the River Run” Words & Music: Jim Messina and Kenny Loggins; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez and Aaron Stang

Welcome – Karen Gonzalez & Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Call to Worship – “Be Generous with Your Dreaming” Written by: Gretchen Haley

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

Chalice Lighting

We come to this time and this place:

To rediscover the wondrous gift of free religious community;

To renew our faith in the holiness, goodness, and beauty of life;

To reaffirm the way of the open mind and full heart;

To rekindle the flame of memory and hope; and

To reclaim the vision of an earth made fair,

with all her people one. (David C. Pohl)

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, piano

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #371, text #381 – Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; Words: Composite Based on Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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, piano

Wisdom Story – “Lamp in Every Corner: Our Unitarian Universalist Storybook” Written by: Janeen Kelley Grohsmeyer; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Music Reflection – “Down to the River to Pray” Words & Music: Traditional; Performed by: River of Grass Choir; Gary Gonzalez

Message – “Run River Run: 25th Anniversary Sunday!” Rev. Ken Beldon and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Closing Music #1064 – “Blue Boat Home” Words: Peter Mayer; Music: Roland Hugh Prichard; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Announcements

Closing Words
Extinguish Chalice
Shine On
Invite to Hospitality
Music Reprise