

River of Grass UU Congregation

March 31, 2024 – 10:30 AM

Awake to Rise and Rise Again: An Easter Celebration

Danger and recklessness and cruelty are real and cannot be denied. But hear the whisper – god only knows where it comes from; somewhere deep and always surprising -- “rise again.” That is all that faith means, has ever meant; that human willingness to rebuild the shattered world, and knowing what we know now, do better this time.

Spring is the sign, and the promise -- “rise again.” The rest is up to us.

– Kendyl Gibbons

Y’ALL! It’s Easter! And like the story from the Christian tradition of Jesus’ conquering death itself in this season of Spring’s rebirth and resurrection, we, too, awake to rise again – in our NEW SPACE – for the first time together in a space that will belong to us for a while – after the chaotic and crumbling world threatened everything we know and are and dream and hope.

You’ll find all the necessary info below to awaken anew with us!

Come as you are, in person or on Zoom and Facebook Live this Sunday at 10:30 to continue March’s theme of “Awakening” with a celebration of Easter!

In person at:

- 11850 W State Road 84, Suite A9, Davie, FL 33325 ([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 – March 31, 2024 – Order of Service

Prelude – Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Welcome – Leana Bresnahan

Call to Worship – “Resurrection” Written by: Paul R. Beedle

Theme Hymn #396 – “I Know This Rose Will Open” Words & Music: Mary E. Grigolia; Performed by:
River of Grass choir; Theo Lucas, Director

Chalice Lighting

Leader: For holy days on which we recall the old stories,

All: we light the flame.

For Easter which reminds us that love is our greatest challenge,

All: we light the flame.

Leader: For gathering today in this sacred space,

All: we light the flame.

Leader: For the opportunity to be together as a community,

to remember the past, to plan for our future,

to be alive in our present.

All: we light this flame. (Dillman Baker Sorrells)

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 #361 – “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” Words & Music: Louise Ruspini; 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 – [Sunday Plate Donation](#)

Offering Music #1010 – “We Give Thanks” Words & Music Wendy Luella Perkins; Performed by: Cecilia
Roy, piano

APD Testimonial – Stewardship Team

Wisdom Story – Read by: Karen Gonzalez

Message – “Awake to Rise and Rise Again” 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, piano

Announcements

Closing Words
Extinguish Chalice
Shine On
Invite to Hospitality
Music Reprise