

River of Grass UU Congregation

April 7, 2024 – 10:30 AM

If Music Be the Food of Faith: A Spring Sing Service!

*Take a music bath ... and you will find that it is to the soul
what the water bath is to the body.*

– Oliver Wendell Holmes (Unitarian)

Oh, y'all, we're gonna celebrate our first Spring Sing in too long this Sunday with River of Grass musicians of every age and era! Come jump in a music bath with us as we revive our souls with joy and beauty in this season of renewal and rebirth!

Gather with us as we begin April's theme of Beauty this Sunday at 10:30! – either in person at our new location, 11850 W State Road 84, #A9, or virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live. Come a bit before and we can chat prior to the service... then stay for coffee and conversation after. See you then!

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 – April 7, 2024 – Order of Service

Prelude – “On Holy Ground” Words & Music: Amy Carol Webb; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Welcome – Peter Fox

Call to Worship – “Watchin’ the River Run” Words & Music: Jim Messina and Kenny Loggins; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez, Gayle Giese, and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Theme Hymn #21 – “For the Beauty of the Earth” Words: Foliott Sandford Pierpoint; Music: Conrad Kocher; Performed by: River of Grass choir; Theo Lucas, Director

Chalice Lighting

*We light this sacred flame
that the songs of hope
of justice
of peace
of faith and love
may find a voice in 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 #108 – “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” Words: Early Quaker song; Music: American Gospel Tune; Performed by: Gayle Giese, 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

Hymn #126 – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Words: v1 Robert Robinson; v2-3 Eugene B. Navias; Music: NETTLETON; Performed by: Gayle Giese, piano

Heritage and Hope

Offering – [Sunday Plate Donation](#)

Offering Music – “You Are So Beautiful” Words & Music: Billy Preston and Bruce Fisher; Performed by: Gayle Giese, piano

Wisdom Story – “All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir” Written by: Bill Staines; Told by: Amy Carol Webb

Message – “If Music Be the Food of Faith” River of Grass Musicians

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Citation</u> | <u>Performers</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| “Sing a Song” | (Mayer) | Gary Gonzalez, Gayle & Allen Giese |
| “Everybody’s Talkin’” | (Fred Neil) | Rebecca Rice |
| “Get Together” | (Chester Powers) | Tori Schreiber and Gary Gonzalez |

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Nicolas Kelley

“Água de Beber”

(Antônio Carlos Jobim)

Marpesa and Renato DeMoraes

“Hard Times”

(Foster)

Gary Gonzalez and Allen Giese

Closing Music #1064 – “Blue Boat Home” Words: Peter Mayer; Music: Roland Hugh Prichard;

Performed by: Gary Gonzalez, Gayle Giese, and Linda Lathroum

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Music Reprise