

# River of Grass UU Congregation

September 18, 2022 – 10:30 am

## Seasons of Belonging: Autumnal Equinox

### Fall Equinox 2022

Our seventh Principle, respect for the interdependent web of all existence, is a glorious statement. Yet we make a profound mistake when we limit it to merely an environmental idea. It is so much more.

It is our response to the great dangers of both individualism and oppression. [...]

It is a source of meaning to which we can dedicate our lives.

—Rev. Forrest Gilmore

It is said that Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth (falsely attributed to Chief Seattle, a subject for another day). We understand this more deeply each day we live our 7<sup>th</sup> Unitarian Universalist Principle. Join us to celebrate this Autumnal Equinox as we explore the meaning of belonging – to Earth, and with one another – as we build a new way for this world we both inherit and bequeath to generations to come.

Come as you are – either in-person at University of Florida IFAS Satellite Building or virtually on Zoom. 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:**

University of Florida - IFAS

Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center

3205 College Avenue, Davie, FL 33314

Directions: <https://flrec.ifas.ufl.edu/directions/>

If you Are arriving via University Drive:

Turn east at Nova Drive (SW 24th Street), which would be a right turn if driving from the south and a left turn if driving from the north.

Drive east on Nova Drive to the first stoplight, which is College Avenue.

Turn right onto College Avenue and drive south ¼ mile to the first entrance on the right side of the street. Look for a large blue monument sign with University of Florida on it. The entrance is 600 feet past this monument sign.

We'll be live on Zoom at the link below, as well as 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 – September 18, 2022 – Order of Service

**Prelude – Prelude** – “What a Wonderful World” Words & Music: Sam Cooke; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

**Welcome**

**Reading/Call to Worship**

**Theme Hymn** – “Here We Have Gathered” Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Genevan Psalter;  
Performed by: River of Grass Choir

**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**

*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.*

**Hymn #318** – “We Would Be One” Words & Music: Samuel A. Wright; Performed by: Cecilia Roy

**Candles of Community**

**Pastoral Response**

**Offering** – “The Autumn Leaves” Words & Music: Joseph Kosma & Jacques Prevert; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

<http://riverofgrassuu.org/donations.html>

**Wisdom Story** – “Old Turtle” by: Douglas Wood; with illustrations by: Cheng-Khee Chee; told by Karen Gonzalez

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

**Music Meditation** (Hymn # 387) – “The Earth, The Air, The Fire, The Water, Return” Words & Music: acapella chant; Lead by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

**Message** – “Seasons of Belonging: Fall Equinox” Rev. Amy Carol Webb

**Closing Music** – “Where You Go I Will Go” Words & Music: Shoshana Jedwab; Lead by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

**Announcements**

**Closing Words**

**Extinguish Chalice**

**Hospitality Connection**