

River of Grass UU Congregation

May 28, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Answering the Religious Right with the Big Heart of Universalism

There is a place set in this creation for every last man, woman, and child...

A precious, safe place has been set for each and every one of us...

PERIOD

-Scott W. Alexander

As we continue our May theme of Creativity, we will explore how to boldly face the Religious Right as we create ways to share the wondrous gift of Universalism. As UUs, in this critical time, we must stand up to support women's rights, trans rights and voting rights, as we are reminded this Memorial Day of all those who have fought for freedom in our history.

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Heritage Hall 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... We'll be watching for you!

In person at:

- Our Sunday morning rental space is 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>

Tanya Gustafson

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Prelude – Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Welcome – Gary Gonzalez

Call to Worship – Tanya Gustafson

Theme Hymn #168 – “May Your Life Be As a Song” Words: Jim Scott; Music: Yuri Zaritsky; Performed by: The River of Grass Choir; Cecilia Roy, piano; Gary Gonzalez, guitar

Chalice Lighting

*May we tend this fire always,
ever vigilant and courageous
in the struggle for freedom and justice for all. (Tracy Bleakney)*

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.

Music # 121 – “We’ll Build a Land” Words: Barbara Zanotti; Music: Carolyn McDade; Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Candles of Community

Response

Birthday Video

Offering – Performed by: Cecilia Roy, piano

Wisdom Story – “Honoring our Fallen Soldiers” Written by: Rev. Erika Hewitt and Rev. Paul S Sawyer; Read by: Diane Diaz

Music – “Taps” composed by: Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield; performed by: Renato deMoraes

Singing Youth to Class – “We Love You and Bless You” Words & Music: Rev. Amy Carol Webb; Performed by: Mark Bornfield, piano

Responsive Reading – “Eternal Mystery” by Rev. Carol Meyer

May we open ourselves ever more fully to that Eternal Mystery which lures us onward toward life and creativity.

May we find the courage to live our faith, to speak our truth, and to strive together for a world where freedom abounds and justice truly does roll down like water.

May we know the fullness of love without fear, and the serenity of peace without turmoil.

May we hold one another in the deep and tender places with compassion, and may we grace one another by sharing our own vulnerabilities, being ever mindful of the divinity within that makes soulmates of us all.

Message – “Answering the Religious Right with the Big Heart of Universalism” Tanya Gustafson

Closing Music – “Love is the Water” Words & Music: Pat Wictor; Performed by: Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Announcements

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality