

River of Grass UU Congregation

October 29, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Turning the Wheel of Life: Samhain

In the “old days,” when our ancestors were still tending their herds on the hillside, there were two halves of the year: winter and summer. Samhain is a celebration of the beginning of winter. The beginning of the cycle of life; death, darkness and rebirth, slowly turning into new life at Beltane. It marks the last harvest. Winter is a time for slowing down and quiet reflection.

Join us as we explore this important celebration in the Wicca calendar wheel.

Come as you are – either in-person at the Old Davie Schoolhouse Auditorium 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 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>

Kathy Jens-Rochow

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River of Grass – October 29, 2023 – Order of Service

Prelude – “The Earth, the Air, the Fire, the Water” Words & Music: Anonymous; Performed by: Rev Amy Carol Webb, video

Welcome – Andrea Perez

Call to Worship – Calling the Four Quarters

Opening Hymn #396 – “I Know this Rose will Open” Words & Music: Mary E. Grigolia; Performed by: Brenda Parker, piano; Rev. Amy Carol Webb, vocals; video

Chalice Lighting

*We gather this hour as people of faith
With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs
We light this beacon of hope,
A sign of our quest
For truth and meaning
In celebration of the life we share together (Christine Robinson)*

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.*

Deepening Music #51 – “Lady of the Seasons’ Laughter” Words: Kendyl L. R. Gibbons; Music: David Hurd

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Response

Offering Music – “Ancient Mother” Words & Music: Traditional Navajo prayer; Performed by: Brenda Parker, piano; video

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

Wisdom Story

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

Message – Turning the Wheel of Life: Samhain” Andrea Perez and Kathy Jens-Rochow

Closing Music – “We Are Called to Love” Words & Music: Darrell Courtley; Performed by: Darrell & Mary Courtley, video

Announcements

Closing Words

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality