

River of Grass UU Congregation

February 11, 2024 – 10:30 AM

River of Grass, Our Heritage and Our Hope for Beloved Community

Stories have to be told or they die,
and when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here.

– Sue Monk Kidd

The story of River of Grass is winding, unexpected and beautiful. This Sunday, the Sunday before we celebrate our 25th (quarter century!) Anniversary as a congregation, we'll revisit that which has been written and dare to peek at what is yet unwritten.

Come, come, whoever you are,
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.

(Though we've broken our vows a thousand times) Come, yet again, come.

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>

Leana Bresnahan and Karen Gonzalez

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River of Grass – February 11, 2024 – Order of Service

Prelude #188 – “Come, Come Whoever You Are” Words: Rumi; Music: Lynn Adair Ungar; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

Welcome – Karen Gonzalez

Call to Worship – “The day unwritten” Written by: Rev. Dr. David Breeden

Theme Hymn – “Where You Go (I Will Go)” Words & Music: Shoshana Jedwab; Performed by: River of Grass choir; Gary Gonzalez

Chalice Lighting

Stories are for joining the past to the future.

Stories are for those late hours in the night

when you can't remember how you got

from where you were to where you are.

Stories are for eternity, when memory is erased,

when there is nothing to remember except the story. (Tim O'Brien)

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 #123 – “Spirit of Life” Words & Music: Carolyn McDade; Spanish translation by Ervin Barrios

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

Offering Music – “Unwritten” Words & Music: Danielle A. Brisebois, Natasha Bedingfield, and Wayne Steven Jr Rodrigues; © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

Special Love and Help Award

Wisdom Story – “The Broken Story” Written by: Christina Leone-Tracey; Read by: Karen Gonzalez

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

Message – “River of Grass, Our Heritage and Our Hope for Beloved Community” Leana Bresnahan and Karen Gonzalez

Closing Music #311 – “Let It Be a Dance” Words & Music: Ric Masten; Performed by: Gary Gonzalez

Announcements

Closing Words #172

Extinguish Chalice

Shine On
Invite to Hospitality
Music Reprise