

River of Grass



Celebrating 27 Years

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River of Grass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
11850 W State Rd 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325

Welcome to our River of Grass Family

Welcome to our Love; **Welcome Home**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Sunday Service May 3, 2026

Monthly Worship Theme: Awakening Curiosity

Curiosity Empowers Creativity

Steve Jens-Rochow

“Curiosity is at the core of creativity.” - Sam Horn

“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.” - Walt Disney



Role of Curiosity in Developing Creative Ideas

Illustration by Shoaib Ahmad

Our Mission

*We nurture our spirits, love intentionally,
and work to create a just and healthy planet.*

Come as you are Sunday morning at 10:30 – either **in-person in Davie:** 11850 W SR 84, A-9, Davie, FL 33325 or **virtually on YouTube LiveStream** (link below).

Childcare provided.

Flowing River Sangha with Gary Gonzalez

Sunday in A-9; Zoom below. Gather 8:15, start 8:30

We come together to lament with, celebrate with,
& care for one another in our community & our world.



Children's & Youth's Faith Development 10:30am

**ANTI-RACISM
STARTS WITH ME**



This Sunday, our Middle School anti-racists will be exploring the concept of power.

Who has it, how did they get it, and what's our role in deciding? They'll learn to use their power to decipher fake

news from accurate news and be reminded of the power of voting.

Our Youngers will be hearing a story about transformation and talk about the damage that microaggressions can cause.

We'll all explore how our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to take this journey. uua.org.

*For more information about our FD program for kids,
contact our Director, Karen Gonzalez at
religiouseducator@riverofgrassuu.org*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2g>

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Flowing River Sangha:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82686665851?pwd=kF4kTZS0dA7mK3HM2FXXalsxV1bJX0.1#success>

*Full Moon
Daughters*



Dora Font

Invites all women & girls to our
**Sunrise Salutation at dawn on
Saturday, May 2.**

We will gather on the
Lauderdale-by-the-Sea beach,
at the east end of Commercial Blvd.,
to greet the new day with song and meditation
as we head towards the summer solstice.

Info: fullmoondaughters@riverofgrassuu.org



SUNSHINE CLUSTER

And the



Southern Region

Present

MEET THE MOMENT

Are you alarmed about the rise of Totalitarianism?

Meet the Moment is a UU framework of shared practices. Together, we will discern and explore how we can take bold, courageous action; grounded in our shared values and centered in Love.

Faced with immense political polarization, and grounded in our Values, how can we act with brave deeds that Meet the Moment?

Facilitated by

Cameron Young, Lead, Southern Region, and
Rev Samatha Powers, Southern Region Field Staff

Saturday, May 16, 2026, 1pm, Zoom, Free

To register and receive the Zoom Link,
send your name and congregation to
sunshinecluster2023@gmail.com

SAY NO

NO SCHOOL.

NO WORK.

NO SHOPPING.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

WORKERS OVER BILLIONAIRES >>> MAYDAYSTRONG.ORG

Resist Wilton Manors
Indivisible Wilton Manors
NoKings Ft. Lauderdale

Present

MAY DAY SAY NO DEMONSTRATION

LIGHT UP OVER THE TURNPIKE

5306 NW 19 St, Lauderhill

Friday, May 1, 7:30pm

Calling for a day of “No School, No Work, No Shopping” to disrupt the violent billionaire takeover of our country and to put working families first.

- Tax the rich so our families, not their fortunes, comes first.
 - ICE Out. No private army serving authoritarian power.
 - Expand democracy, not corporate power.

Defend free and fair elections, not a rigged disaster.



2026

**Rev Dr Sophia
Betancourt
UUA President**

Beloveds,

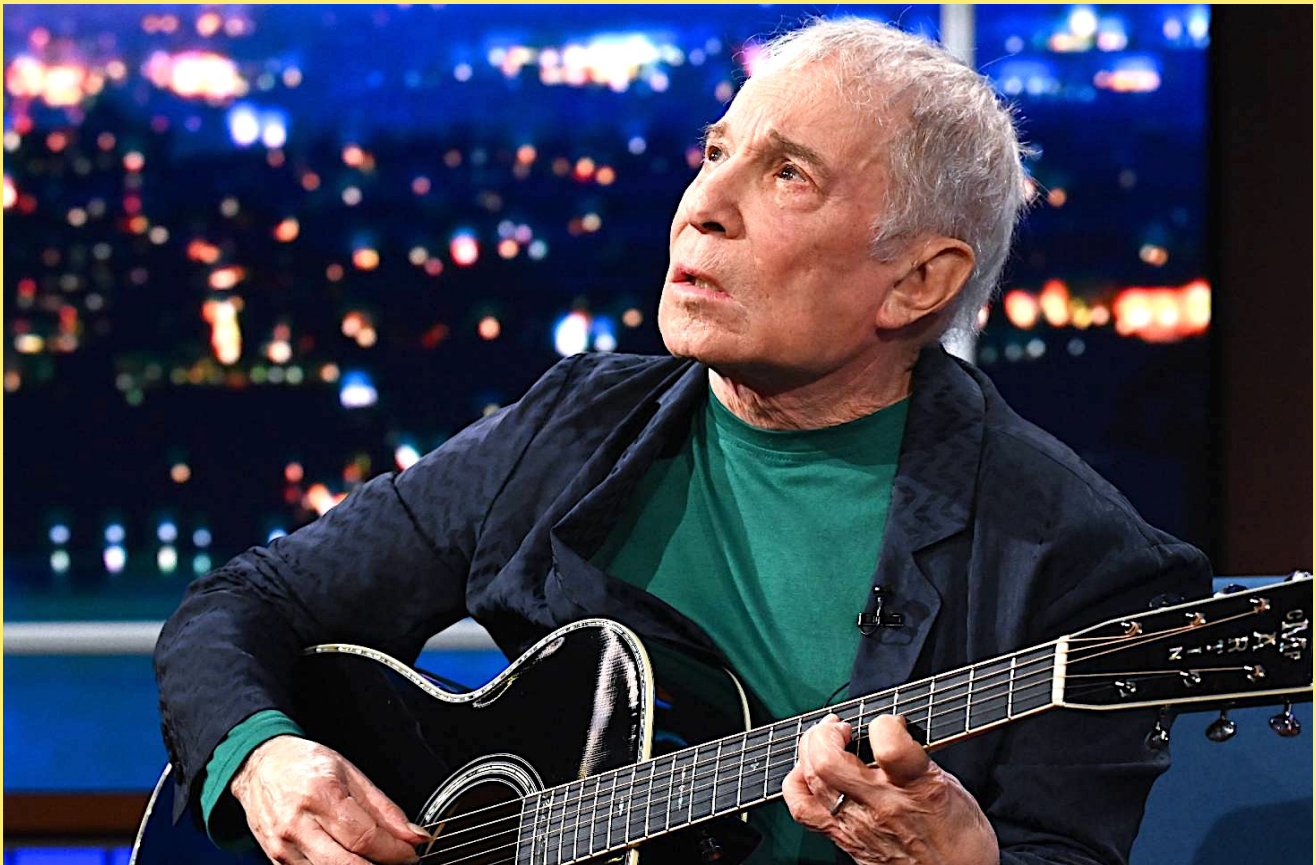
I am deeply grateful to be in shared ministry with all of you in this chaotic time in our wider world. We at your Unitarian Universalist Association are trying a new format - a State of the Association message meant to update you on the work of your UUA, invite you into further collaboration, and offer the kind of transparency that is required for all of us to hold the heart of the faith together.

Your UUA exists to make our covenant real; to ensure that congregations are not alone, UU values are not fragmented, and our faith has continuity, credibility, and a future. From my perspective, the state of our Association is dedicated, determined, and nimble in how it meets the current moment. What we need from each other is continued investment in the interconnected web that grounds all of our ministries and sustains our faith into the future.

Faithfully, Rev. Dr. Sofía Betancourt

Rev Dr Sophia Betancourt's Video
"The State of the Association"

will be shown during Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 19.



An Evening with Gary Gonzalez and Friends

**Playing Live Music by
Paul Simon & Friends**

**Great songs and light
dinner fare by Chef Karen.**

Saturday, May 2, 7pm

Doors open 6:30pm

\$40 per person





UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 30, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Saturday, May 2, 7pm A-9 **Paul Simon & More - Talk about a great evening!** Gary Gonzalez and friends

Sunday, May 3, 8:15am A-9 +Zoom **Flowing River Sangha** Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, May 3, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service – Curiosity Empowers Creativity** Steve Jens-Rochow

Sunday, May 3, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development** Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, May 7, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, May 7, 7pm A-9 + Zoom **Men's Group Topic:** Ken Bresnahan

Friday, May 8, 7pm A-9 **Eat, Play, Love; Potluck and Games**
Karen Gonzalez

Sunday, May 10, 8:15am A-9 +Zoom **Flowing River Sangha**
Gary Gonzalez

Sunday, May 10, 10:30am A-9 + YouTube Livestream **Worship Service Curiosity** Kathy Jens-Rochow

Sunday, May 10, 10:30; A-9 **Children's Faith Development**
Karen Gonzalez

Thursday, May 14, 6pm Zoom **Mindfulness for Today's World**
Carolyn Santangelo and Scott May

Thursday, May 14, 7pm Zoom **mUUvies - Chocolat** Styeve and
Kathy Jens-Rochow



Carolyn Santangelo & Scott May
Mindfulness for Today's World

Worship Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJNmoySFzsKskHmsjkZe2g>

Gary Gonzalez Sangha

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/46777873?pwd=WHZaNjJQNWF5T0t6UW1kRIFLTVcyZz09>

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Men's Group

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Order of Service for May 3, 2026

Morning Sing

#38 Morning Has Broken Words: Eleanor Farjean, Music: Gaelic Melody
#163 For the Earth Forever Turning; Words: Kin Ogler, Music: Kim Ogler
Oh, Let us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Prelude Imagine by John Lennon

Call to Worship Entranced with Possibility by the Rev Tess Baunber

Opening Music 123 Spirit of Life; with Words and Music by Carolyn McDade, English and Spanish

Chalice Lighting Asking How Things Work by the Rev Michelle Collin

We gather as a community of spiritual seekers,
Always ready to awaken each other's curiosity
In this beautiful, challenging, and complex world.

May we enter our worship today with open minds,
arm hearts, and spirits entranced with possibility -
Of healing, of hope, of transformation, of justice.

Come, let us worship.

Covenant *English:*

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.

Spanish: 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.

May Birthdays

Wisdom Story The Curious Why with words by Angela DiTerlizzi and
Art by Lorena Alvarez Gomez

Singing the Children to Classes

Offering/Offertory

Deepening Hymn #298 Wake Now, My Senses; Words: SJ Mikelson.
Music: Traditional Irish Melody

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection / Pastoral Response

Musical Response #371, #381; Music: Genevan Psalter 1551, Words:
Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Heritage Robert Fulghum

Hope Mary Oliver

Message Curiosity Empowers Creativity Steve Jens-Rochow

Closing Music Hymn #311 Let It Be a Dance; with Words and Music by
Ric Masden

Closing Words The Questions That Follow Us Home by the Rev
Michelle Collins

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements / Invite to Hospitality

Shine On/ Music Reprise



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please contact the office and
you will be removed.

*Announcements wishing to be sent out in this weekly
congregation-wide newsletter should be received
by noon Wednesday.*

*All announcements will pertain to congregational life
and affiliated groups and and will be for activities or
events occurring within two weeks.*

*Outside groups and individuals, wishing to use this
vehicle of congregation-wide communication, must
have the approval of the President.*

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