

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
December 10, 2023
"The Spirit of the Child" by Rev. Shari Woodbury
with Douglas Lee-Regier



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Prelude - *Dawning of the Day Waltz/Cold Frosty Morning*
(Violin Quartet; Anne Nagosky Studio)

Chalice Lighting

*Spark of the spirit cupped in earth's embrace,
Light of love alive in all creation,
as we kindle this flame, we rekindle our connection
to the sacred web of life.*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn - #1008 - When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

Time for All Ages

Singing the Children to Classes - #16 - 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple

Community Offering - for Youth Emergency Services (YES)

Offertory - *Winter Wonderland*, sung by Ava
Burton & Samara Sanchez

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*To share a Joy or Concern, write it in the binder at
the back of the sanctuary, or in the chat.*

Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Centering Song - Greensleeves/ Inisheer (Violin Quarter)

Contemplation

Reading - Selection from *The Parent's Tao te Ching* by William Martin

Sermon - "The Spirit of the Child" by Rev. Shari Woodbury with Douglas Lee-Regier

Closing Song - #338 - I Seek the Spirit of the Child

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: *Medley: Good King Wenceslas/ The Dark Girl in Blue/ I saw Three Ships* (Violin Quartet/ Anne Nagosky Studio)

Coffee & Conversation - Common Room (basement)

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For families: *Childcare is offered during our Sunday services for infants through preschoolers (nursery in basement). Elementary and middle/high Sunday School classes begin after the Time for All Ages portion of our service. Children of all ages are always welcome to attend the full service with their families in our sanctuary. The service is also streamed in the Common Room downstairs (a convenient place to settle a fussy babe).*



Hearing Assist Devices are available in the foyer – along the east wall, or ask an usher / greeter to give you one.

Please make your body comfortable. *Feel free to knit or handle fidget toys during the service. Throughout the service, you may sit or stand as works best for your body, too (no compulsory standing for hymns). Restrooms are behind the side door of the sanctuary as you go out, and just down the stairs from the foyer.*



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