

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
April 21, 2024
"For the Beauty of the Earth" A Soulful Songs Sunday
with Rev. Shari Woodbury



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Chalice Song - 0 - Coming Home

*I return to myself, here where I belong. I am coming home.
Like a bird to its nest, like a river to the ocean, I am coming home.*

Chalice Lighting - Stuart Shell

*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 - by Shari Woodbury

Song - #21 - For the Beauty of the Earth

Time for All Ages - Dirt Communion with Rev. Woodbury

Singing the Children to Classes - #402 - From You I Receive

Community Offering - for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Offertory - "Morning has Broken", Scottish Traditional arr. C Gerlitz (J Gawf)

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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 - #100 - Peace Like A River

Contemplation - Earth Day Prayer

Introduction - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Choral Anthem - “Come Away” by Mark Hayes, Beth Hoyt, Soloist

The Sanctuary Singers directed by William Miller (J Gawf, piano)

Reading - “Dirt Happens” by Joy Berry, adapted

Songs - #1073 - The Earth Is Our Mother

“We Hold This Love” by Mary Grigolia (song sheet)

Silence

Reading - “What We’re Fighting for Now Is Each Other” by Wen Stephenson

Songs - “Co-Mingling Chant” by Shari Woodbury (song sheet)

Silence

Readings - “On Entanglement” by Kate Forster

“Redwing Blackbird” by Jennifer Pratt-Walter

Songs - #1069 - Ancient Mother

- “Bless the World” by Elizabeth Norton & Rebecca Parker (song sheet)

Silence

Spoken & Sung Benedictions reprise “Bless the World”

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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