

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
January 29, 2023
“In the Beginning” by Rev. Shari Woodbury



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Threshold Song - #1003 - Where Do We Come From?

Call to Worship - by Shari Woodbury

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.*

Time for All Ages - *Mira and the Big Story* by Laura Alary / Ill. by Sue Todd

Singing the Children to Classes - #413 - Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of Love surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

Side with Love Moment - Kim Dunovan - LB 626 (Abortion Ban)

Community Offering - for Restoring Dignity

Offertory - “Be More Kind” by Frank Turner (Stan Harper)

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may turn in yellow card, or write in chat, now.*



Joys & Concerns

Sermon - “In the Beginning” by Rev. Shari Woodbury

with Spiral Dance - led by Della Bynum and Peg Pidgeon
Music - “Woodstock” by Joni Mitchell

Closing Song - #1064 - Blue Boat Home

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude

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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Resources for Who We Are Want to dig into our series topics more?

The Third Harmony: Nonviolence and the New Story of Human Nature by Michael N. Nagler (Oakland, CA: Berrett-Koehler, 2020).

www.mettacenter.org/scienceofnonviolence lifts up the positive worldview emerging from the New Science, with resources organized by fields and topics. Such as -

Science and the Akashic Field: An Integral Theory of Everything by Ervin Laszlo (Rochester, VT: Inner Traditions, 2004).