

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
October 15, 2023
“The Adventure of Life” by Rev. Shari Woodbury



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Woodbury

Prelude Prelude in C Minor by J.S. Bach (J Gawf, piano)

Chalice Lighting - Lin & Tommy Thompson

*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 - “Listen! The Spirit Is Calling!” by John Saxon

Opening Hymn - #1019 - Everything Possible

Time for All Ages - *I Am Me: A Book of Authenticity*

by Susan Verde and Peter H. Reynolds

Singing the Children to Classes - #1058 - Be Ours A Religion

*Be ours a religion which like sunshine goes everywhere;
its temple all space, its shrine the good heart,
its creed all truth, its ritual works of love.*

Generosity Moment - Douglas Lee-Regier

Community Offering - for the Clair Cares Food Pantry

Offertory - “I’m Coming Out” by B. Edwards & N. Rodgers

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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 - #123 - Spirit of Life

Contemplation

Reading - “Where Beauty Comes From” by Coleman Barks, inspired by a Jalaluddin Rumi poem

Sermon - “The Adventure of Life” by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Anthem - “The Road Not Taken” by Wagner

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

Sermon - part 2

Closing Song - #1064 - Blue Boat Home

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: “Heartstrings” by David Lanz

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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