

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
August 20, 2023
“Church, AI, and the Future” by Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss



LGBTQIA Welcoming
Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Prelude - *Prelude in C*, J.S. Bach

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 - #1003 (Teal Hymnal) – “Where Do We Come From?”

Time for All Ages – *The Little Girl Who Cried Wolf*
presented by Lin Thompson, Dan Sullivan, and The Puppets

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

Community Offering - for The Whitney Young Academy

Offertory - *What a Wonderful World*, arr. Jon Batiste

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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.



Readings - from ELIZA (1970s), Ractor (1980s), and JULIA (1990s), read by William Reliford and Kyria Spooner

Robo Dance “Do You Love Me?” – Boston Dynamics, 2021

Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Meditation – “Prayer for accepting trans people.” A beautiful but fake biblical passage generated by ChatGPT about Jesus accepting trans people. (Contributed by Mary Kay Peters)
Silent

Responsive Reading – #515 “We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks”

Sermon - “Church, AI, and the Future” by Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss

Closing Song #1031 (Teal Hymnal) “Filled with Loving Kindness”
(sing 3 times, first using “I,” next using “you” and third using “we”)

Closing Words #695 from Project Ploughshares

Extinguishing of Chalice #456: “We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we meet again.”

Postlude: Reprise: *What a Wonderful 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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