

First Unitarian Church of Omaha  
September 15, 2024  
“The Starry Voyager” with Rev. Woodbury & Friends



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

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgment** - Rev. Shari Woodbury

**Prelude** - “The Water is Wide” English Folk Song (J. Gawf, piano)

**Chalice Lighting** - Connie DeFazio

*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** - “Let Us Sing a Song to the Eternal” by Eric Williams

**Opening Hymn** - #108 - My Life Flows On in Endless Song

**The Starry Voyager** - story developed by Christina Strong & Shari Woodbury

**Chapter 1:** The Glory of the Starry Voyager (Christina Strong)

**Care & Centering**

*Joys & Concerns*

*Centering Song* - #1003 - Where Do We Come From?

*Contemplation* - “Gratitude” by Swiftwalker

**The Starry Voyager, Chapter 2:** The Council of Navigators (Ava Burton)

**Puppet Story** - *The Friend Ship* by Kat Yeh and Chuck Groenink

as adapted and told by Dan Sullivan & Lin Thompson

**The Starry Voyager, Chapter 3:** Assembling the Compass (Chayan Spooner)

**Water Ceremony** “Water” by G. Girouard (J. Gawf, piano)

**The Starry Voyager, Chapter 4:** The Grand Decision (Megan Hall)

**Community Offering** - for Planned Parenthood

Offertory - “Rain” by C. Lawson (J. Gawf, piano)

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**The Starry Voyager, Chapter 5:** Preparing for the Journey (Daniel de Riancho)  
**Anthem** - “The Open Road” arr. by John Leavitt

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

**The Starry Voyager, Chapter 6:** Into the Unknown (Peg Pidgeon)

**Closing Song** - #1064 - Blue Boat Home

**The Starry Voyager, Epilogue:** Legacy of the Starry Voyager (Pele Strong)

**Extinguishing of Chalice & Postlude**

### Coffee & Conversation - Common Room (basement)

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**For families:** *This morning is an all-ages service with no religious education classes; kids can sit with families in the sanctuary. Childcare is available for infants through preschoolers (nursery in basement). 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.*



**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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