

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
December 4, 2022
“The Promise and the Peril of the 8th Principle”



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Woodbury

Prelude

Chalice Lighting - Kim Dunovan

*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 - “Soul Fire” by anastasia biros, adapted

Opening Hymn - #360 - Here We Have Gathered

Time for All Ages - *Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All* by Chelsea Johnson, LaToya Council, & Carolyn Choi, illus. by Ashley Seil Smith

presented by Christina Strong, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Singing the Children to Classes - #16 - ‘Tis A Gift to Be Simple

Community Offering - split with Youth Emergency Services (YES)

Offertory / Anthem - “Snow on Snow” by Beck
Sanctuary Singers, directed by William Miller (J Gawf, piano)

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Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns - shared from yellow Communication Cards (in pews), webform, Caring Team, and YouTube chat - Colin M.

Ritual of Remembrance

Contemplation

Sermon - “The Promise and the Peril of the 8th Principle”
by Rev. Shari Woodbury

The proposed 8th principle congregations have engaged with (and over 200 have adopted) since 2017: *“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:*

*journeying toward spiritual wholeness
by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community
by our actions that accountably dismantle racism
and other oppressions
in ourselves and our institutions.”*

Closing Song - #1017 - Building A New Way by Martha Sandefer

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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