

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
February 4, 2024
"To Sing Awake the Light" A Soulful Songs Sunday
with Rev. Shari Woodbury and Carol Ramsey



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Chalice Song - 362 - Rise Up, O Flame (x2)

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 - by Kay Montgomery

Song - 1059 - May Your Life Be As a Song (*entrances 1 & 3 for round*)

Time for All Ages - "This Little Light of Mine" by Karen Kay Neuhalfen

Singing for All Ages - 118 - This Little Light of Mine

Community Offering - for Omaha Together One Community (OTOC)

Offertory - "Be Ours A Religion" by T. Benjamin (J Gawf, piano)

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Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Contemplative Song with Prayer - 1002 - Comfort Me

Comfort me ~ Sing with me ~ Rest with me ~ Rise with me

Introduction - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Choral Anthem - "Colors of the Wind" by Alan Menken

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

Reading - “Until I Am the Sky” by Joy Harjo, adapted

Song - “Earth Meets Sky” by Mary Grigolia (song sheet - unison)

Silence

Reading - “The Pulse of Life” by Jennifer Johnson, adapted

Songs - “The Song in Your Heart” by Jason Shelton (song sheet)

- “Open, Open” by Mary Grigolia (song sheet)

Silence

Reading - “Winter Prayer” by Deborah Weiner

Songs - “Blackbird Strokes” by Mary Grigolia (song sheet)

- “Darkness Visible” by Mary Grigolia (song sheet)

Silence

Closing Words - by Andrew Pakula

Postlude

Coffee & Conversation - Common Room

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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).*



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