

First Unitarian Church of Omaha  
November 26, 2023  
“Returning Neighbors”  
by Omaha Alternatives to Violence (AVP)  
Judi Unger, Piano



**Welcome & Land Acknowledgment**

**Prelude: Imagine – John Lennon**

**Chalice Lighting – Delightful Donna**

*Bringing Us Home to Love* by Frances Koziar

We light this chalice today as a people dedicated to personal Growth. May it burn away the oppressions we have been taught, and glow instead with the humility of learning. May it reignite our dreams for a better world and kindle our joy for simple living. May its warmth extend out into the forgotten alleyways of exclusion, and bring us home to love, welcoming, and to all the challenges, the questions and the blessings of this life.

**Call to Worship - What is AVP?: Mighty Mary & Soulful Suzanne**

**The AVP Mandala:**

- Think Before Reacting: Encouraging Eric
- Seek a Nonviolent Solution: Warmhearted William
- Expect the Best: Clever Curtis
- Caring for Others: Dynamic Damon
- Respect for Self: Relaxed Richard
- Transforming Power: Colorful Cece

**Time for All Ages – *Welcome Home: Mommy Gets Out Today*  
by Jamantha Williams Watson. Read by Studios Stacey**

**Singing the Children to Classes - #413 - Go Now in Peace**

**Community Offering – for Omaha Alternatives to Violence Project**

**Offertory: The River – Leon Bridges**

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## A Discussion on Voting Rights: Mellow Mike

### Care & Centering

#### *Joys & Concerns*

### A Time for Meditation and Story

Listen: Jubilant Jose

Story: Gifted Gary

Believe In Yourself: Philosophic Phil

Story: Awesome Allen

Let My People Vote: Dynamic Damon

Story: Grateful Jerrold

**Closing Words: Soulful Suzanne (Sawubona = sah-woo-bo -nah)**

**Closing Music: Let Love Be Your Guide**

**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).***



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