



First Unitarian Church of Omaha
February 25, 2024
“Why We Stay, Why We Go” by Melissa Gibson



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Kyria Spooner

Prelude Instrumental selection (performed by Salvatore Ciulla)

Chalice Lighting - Jay Sauer

*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 - “You Are Beloved and You Are Welcome Here” by Rev. Joan Javier-Duval (read by Kyria Spooner and Melissa Gibson)

Opening Hymn - #188 “Come, Come Whoever You Are”

Time for All Ages - “Door 1 or Door 2” adapted from *Which Door Do You Choose* by Rev. Erika Hewitt (presented by Melissa Gibson)

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

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of Love surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

Community Offering - for Omaha Together One Community

Offertory - “Dare You to Move” by Jon Foreman (performed by The OffBeats)

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Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Centering Song - #123 “Spirit of Life”

Contemplation - “Meditation on Letting Go” by Rev. Thomas Rhodes
(read by Melissa Gibson)

Sermon - “Why We Stay, Why We Go” by Melissa Gibson

Closing Song - #170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People”

Closing Words “Thrive” by HP Rivers (read by Kyria Spooner)

Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: “Get Together” - The Youngbloods (performed by The OffBeats)

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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