

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
July 30, 2023
“Ten Reasons Not to Join (or Stay In) This Church”
by Rev. Shari Woodbury



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Woodbury

Prelude - Prelude, My Heart is Ever Faithful, J.S. Bach

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 - “The Heart of Our Faith” by Monica Jacobson-Tennessee

Opening Hymn - #108 - My Life Flows on in Endless Song

Time for All Ages - *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae & Guy Parker-Rees
presented by Amanda Burton

Singing the Children to Classes - #118 - This Little Light of Mine

Community Offering - for Open Arms Trans Social Group (OATS)

Offertory - Impromptu, Op. 90, No. 3; Franz
Schubert, performed by Elaine Wells

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*If you would like to share a Joy or Concern, you
may turn in yellow card, or write in chat, now.*

Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Centering Song - Coming Home (*teal hymnal - inside front cover*)

Contemplation

Reading - *Who Are We?* Unitarian Universalist Mad Libs

Sermon - *Who Aren't We?* “Ten Reasons Not to Join (or Stay In) This Church”
by Rev. Shari Woodbury with Elaine Wells

Covenant of Right Relations:

We, the congregation of First Unitarian Church of Omaha, covenant together:

To create a religious community where we can freely explore our values and foster diversity as a source of communal strength.

To build healthy relationships, seeking to understand each other and respect our differences.

To listen deeply and endeavor to communicate directly, honestly, and compassionately, particularly when we are in conflict.

To do our best to make amends when we have hurt each other, even unintentionally,

to learn from our mistakes, to forgive, and to reconnect in a spirit of understanding and commitment.

Closing Song - #6 - Just as Long as I Have Breath

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: Op. 2, No. 6, Mendossohn

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.*

Coming up... to learn about [upcoming events](#) and more, scan the QR code at left. Fill out a yellow [Communication Card](#) (or for those online, [Visitor Form](#)) if you would like to be added to the church's email list. You can also [follow us on Facebook](#) and opt in to text messages from the church via Remind (firstuomaha.org/remind).

