

First Unitarian Church of Omaha  
June 2, 2024  
"Community in Bloom"  
with Christina Strong & friends



**Welcome & Land Acknowledgment** - Rev. Shari Woodbury

**Prelude** - "Wild Mountain Thyme" Traditional (The OffBeats)

**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** - "All of Us Are Beautiful" by Thomas Rhodes

**Opening Hymn** - #360 - Here We Have Gathered

**Wanda's Roses** - based on the book written by Pat Brisson & illustrated by  
Maryann Cocca-Leffler, adaptations by Christina Strong, DRE

**Act I: Wanda's Discovery**

**Care & Centering**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Centering Song** - #1009 - Meditation on Breathing

**Contemplation** - by Shari Woodbury

**Wanda's Roses, Act II: The Flower Ceremony**

with "What A Wonderful World" by Weiss/Thiele  
and "Give Light" arr: (The OffBeats)

**Community Offering** - for PFLAG

Offertory - "Not Perfect" by Tim Minchin (The OffBeats)

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## **Wanda's Roses, Act III: Growing Together**

### **Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice**

**Postlude:** "De Colores" Traditional Mexican (The OffBeats)

### **Coffee & Conversation - Common Room (basement)**

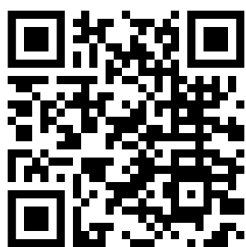
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**For families:** Today is an all-ages service; there are no religious education classes. Childcare is offered during our Sunday services for infants through preschoolers (nursery in basement). Children of all ages are always welcome to attend the 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](#), classes, and other happenings in the church and beyond, 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](#) (go to Follow settings and choose Favorites) and opt in to text messages from the church via Remind (<https://www.firstuomaha.org/remind>). Prefer hard copy? Printouts of the latest Church News e-blast are available in the foyer.

**RE Survey 2024** Members, Friends and Visitors, it's survey time, because we value your opinions and ideas! Rev. Shari, Christina Strong, and the Board of Trustees are seeking input about our religious education programs for children, youth, and adults. Please complete the survey by June 22. You can access the survey online with the QR code. Paper copies will be available at church on the first three Sundays in June, or by contacting the church office. Thank you, we really appreciate hearing from you!

