

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
July 2, 2023
“Gather the Spirit” by Rev. Shari Woodbury
Denise Allain, Reader



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Woodbury

Prelude - “Blackbird” by Lennon & McCartney (J Gawf, piano)

Chalice Lighting - Russell and Lynne Porter

*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 Lisa Doege, adapted

Opening Hymn - #347 - Gather the Spirit

Time for All Ages - “The Parable of the Spoons” presented by Amanda Burton

Singing the Children to Classes - #413 - Go Now In Peace

Right Relations Moment - Terri Lynn Brewer

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

Offertory - “Over the Rainbow” by H. Arlen (J. Gawf, piano)

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Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Centering Song - #391 - Voice Still and Small

Contemplation

Reading - “Our Calling” by Kendyl Gibbons

Sermon - “Gather the Spirit” by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Closing Song - #1068 - Rising Green

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude “Somewhere” by Bernstein & Sondheim (J Gawf, piano)

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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