First Unitarian Church of Omaha May 28, 2023 - 10:30am Sanctuary Singers Sunday

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Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Woodbury

**Prelude** - "Brother James' Air" - Wood (Pat Will)

Chalice Lighting - by Marnie Singer

Call to Worship - This Jubilant Song (Wagner) Sanctuary Singers

Opening Hymn - #361 - Enter, Rejoice and Come In

Sanctuary Singers Out of the Stars (Angebranndt/Weston) I Am Possibility (von Kampen/Boesen)

Community Offering - for Ponca Tribe / Express Transportation

Offertory - "Shall We Gather at the River" - Lowery/Wood (Pat Will)

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Care & Centering -

Joys & Concerns Contemplation

Sanctuary Singers

The Secret (Gilpin/Dunbar) There Will Come Soft Rains (Gray/Teasdale)

## **RESPONSIVE READING**

## Music connects us with the murmuring creek and the leaf-strumming wind.

Music restores the voices and sounds of composers long gone, and cultures far away.

## Music can lift our spirits or stir a fire within us.

Music can acknowledge our sorrow and soothe our pain.

Music can unite us in spite of our differences.

When we blend our voices to share a song,

We open our hearts and bare our souls to connect with all that is holy.

Homily - "In Praise of Music" by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Sanctuary Singers There Was a Time (Hagenberg/Wordsworth) Like A River In My Soul (Osiek)

**Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice** 

Choral Benediction - As We Leave This Friendly Place (JS Bach)

Postlude: "Processional for a Joyous Day" - Wood (Pat Will)

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). This morning, elementary age children may go directly to their Sunday School classes (there is no Time for All Ages in worship today). 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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