

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
January 14, 2024
Voting Rights



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment -Peg Pidgeon

Prelude - “Barcarolle” Les Contes D’Hoffmann by J. Offenbach, J. Gawf piano

Chalice Lighting - Suzanne King

We need more light about each other.

Light creates understanding,

understanding creates love,

love creates patience,

and patience creates unity. By Malcolm X

Call to Worship - “We Are Glad You Are Here” by Amanda Schuber

Opening Hymn - #34 “Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire”

Community Offering - Each month one-half of the loose currency in the offering plate is donated to a cause with a local presence which advances important principles of Unitarianism. January’s recipient is **Restoring Dignity**. Restoring Dignity serves refugee families in the Omaha area. They help with housing, furniture and household donations. Providing resources that empower them to become self-sufficient. Go here for more information: rdomaha.org

Offertory - “Evening Prayer” Hansel and Gretel by Humperdink, J. Gawf piano

To donate online, use this QR code (at right), or go to <https://www.firstuuomaha.org/donations>, then scroll down to the selection for this month’s Share the Plate recipient and click the Donate button, or just [click here](#). Thank you!



To share a Joy or Concern, write it in the binder at the back of the sanctuary, or in the chat.

Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Contemplation -Meditation

Reading - Chueqa Yang, Voting Rights Organizing Coordinator for Civic Nebraska

Sermon - Steve Smith, Director of Communication for Civic Nebraska

Closing Hymn: #100, Verse 1 - 3 of “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: “Strange Fruit: A Change is Gonna Come” by Sam Cooke; Guest Vocalist: Jordan Willis Piano: J. Gawf

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](#), 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.

