

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
August 27, 2023
"Curriculum for Growth" with Rev. Shari Woodbury,
Christina Strong, and Jessie Stallings



LGBTQIA Welcoming
Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Woodbury

Prelude - Des Colores, Mexican folksong; Rocio Valle-Lucero, soprano

Chalice Lighting - Vanessa Timberlake & Richard Flebbe

*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

Opening Hymn - #360 - Here We Have Gathered

Time for All Ages - *Blessing of the Backpacks (and Bags+)*

Christina Strong, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

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

Community Offering - for the Whitney Young Academy

Offertory - Cielito Lindo, Mexican folksong; Rocio Valle-Lucero, soprano

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*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

Centering Song - #1034 - De Noche

Contemplation

Reflections “Community-Building for All Ages” by Christina Strong

“Learning in Neuro-diverse Community” by Dr. Jessie Stallings

Musical Interlude

Homily - “The Congregation As the CurriUulum” by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Closing Song - #301 - Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude

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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