

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
October 22, 2023
Yes! A Soulful Songs Sunday

Readers: Lynne & Russell Porter



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Prelude - "I Am Willing" by Holly Near (The Off Beats)

Chalice Lighting - James, Rebecca & Martin

*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 Kathleen McTigue, adapted

Welcome Song - Come, Come, Whoever You Are with counterpoint (song sheet)

Time for All Ages - presented by Rev. Shari Woodbury & friends

with #1010 - Oh We Give Thanks, plus extra verse:

Oh we give thanks for this fellowship.
Whether near or far, we're blessed by it.
For the bonds we share, with love and care,
Oh we give thanks for this fellowship.

Community Offering - for Clair Cares Food Pantry

Offertory - "Shower the People" by James Taylor (The Off Beats)

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the back of the sanctuary, or in the chat.*



Joys & Concerns

Centering Round - #388 - Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

Introduction - "Singing Yes! to Life" - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Reading - by Jim Scott, adapted and expanded Response: *We raise our voices*

Chants - Every Muscle & Bone (song sheet)

Openings (song sheet)

Silence

Meditation - “Divine Mystery” by Swami Ramdas

Chant - “There Is A Love” (song sheet - “I”)

Silence

Prayer - “Prayer for Peace” by Swami Omkar

Chant - 1049 - Vieni Spirito (Come and Pray In Us)

Silence

Sending Song - “There Is A Love” (song sheet - “We”)

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: “Three Little Birds” by Bob Marley (The Off Beats)

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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