

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
April 16, 2023
“The Meaning of Membership and Belonging”



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Prelude - “Yesterday” by Lennon/McCartney (J Gawf/William Miller)

Chalice Lighting

*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 - On Belonging by Maya Angelou

Opening Hymn - #360 Here We Have Gathered

Time for All Ages - *Welcome* by Stéphane Barroux
presented by Christina Strong

Singing the Children to Classes - #1058 - Be Ours A Religion

Membership Recognition - **Melissa Gibson, membership coordinator**

Right Relations Moment - Douglas Lee-Regier

Anthem - “Things That Never Die” by Dickens/Dengler
The Sanctuary Singers
Directed by William Miller (J Gawf - piano)
Use this QR code to read the anthem lyrics



Community Offering - - for YES Meals

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<https://www.firstuomaha.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!*



*If you would like to share a Joy or Concern, you may turn
in a yellow card, or write in chat, now.*

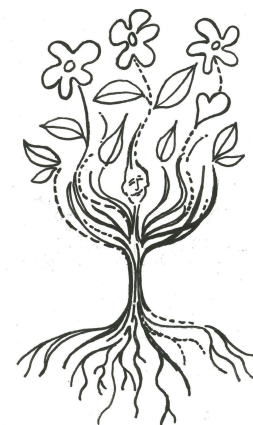
Offertory - “In My Life” - Lennon/McCartney (J Gawf/William Miller)

Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Centering Song - #391 - Voice Still and Small

Contemplation Words by Rev. John Buehrens, former president of UUA



Reading – Touched by an Angel, Maya Angelou Read by Della Bynum

Sermon - “The Meaning of Membership – The Theme of Belonging”
Della Bynum, Douglas Lee-Regier, Kai Clemens & Connie DeFazio

Closing Song - #128 For All That is Our Life

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: “Let It Be” - Lennon/McCartney (J Gawf/William Miller)

Coffee & Conversation - Common Room (basement)

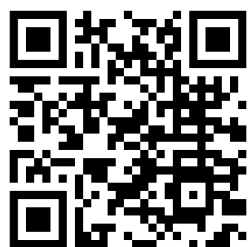
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For families: *Childcare is offered during our Sunday services for infants through preschoolers (nursery in basement). Elementary and middle/high Sunday School classes begin after the Time for All Ages portion of our service. Children of all ages are 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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