

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
October 29, 2023
“Honoring Our Ancestors” with Rev. Shari Woodbury
Brian Jay, Piano / Organ



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Prelude - “Litany” by Schubert

Chalice Lighting - Ellen Shurson

*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 Joan Javier-Duval

Opening Hymn - #67 - We Sing Now Together

Time for All Ages - *Brigid’s Wish* by Emily DeTar Birt
presented by Jody Petrow

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

*Be ours a religion which like sunshine goes everywhere;
its temple all space, its shrine the good heart,
its creed all truth, its ritual works of love.*

Altar of Remembrance

Community Offering - for Clair Cares Food Pantry

Offertory - “I See the Universe” by Brunner

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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 - 0 - Coming Home

*I return to myself, here where I belong. I am coming home.
Like a bird to its nest, like a river to the ocean, I am coming home.*

Contemplation - with meditation by Leslie Takahashi

Homily - "Honoring Our Ancestors" by Rev. Shari Woodbury

with **Hymn** - #212 - We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle, vs. 1-3
(alt. ending: "siblings, cousins all")

and Intoning of Names

Closing Hymn - #212 - We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle, vs. 4-5 (siblings, cousins)

Closing Words - by Leia Durland-Jones

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 etc. 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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