

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
January 7, 2024
“Seeds for the New Year” with Rev. Shari Woodbury



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Prelude “Morgen!” (Tomorrow) R. Strauss J. Gawf, piano

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 - by Laura Wallace

Opening Hymn - #346 - Come, Sing a Song with Me

Time for All Ages - *Bridge of Flowers* by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha
presented by Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

Singing the Children to Classes - #413 - Go Now In Peace

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of Love surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

Community Offering - for Restoring Dignity

Offertory - “Many and Great” Native American Melody arr.
John Carter J. Gawf, piano

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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 - #123 - Spirit of Life

Reflection and Prayer - “Life Abundant” by Rev. Megan Foley

Anthem - "Afternoon on a Hill" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

The Sanctuary Singers directed by William Miller (J Gawf, piano)

Sermon - "Seeds for the New Year" by Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

Closing Song - #1068 - Rising Green

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.



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

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Barbie Movie Showing

First Unitarian Church
Common Room
Sunday, Jan. 7 @ 2pm

Calling all adults! Join us for this special showing. Rated PG-13, adult guidance is expected for under 18 years old.

Childcare will be offered for elementary age & below. Reservations are required.

Please notify

childcare@firstuomaha.org

