

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
March 12, 2023
"Religious Naturalism"



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Colette Piper

Prelude "Sarabande" by Bach (Jay Wise, trombone)

Chalice Lighting - Kyria Spooner

*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 Edward Abbey - Colette Piper

Opening Hymn - #44 - We Sing of Golden Mornings

Time for All Ages - *Senorita Mariposa* by Ben Gundersheimer

with Mary Kay Peters

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

Stewardship Moment - Mark Loscutoff

Community Offering - for Women's Center for Advancement

Offertory - "In diesen heil' gen Hallen" by Mozart (Jay Gawff, piano; Jay Wise, trombone)

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Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Centering Meditation/Song - #123 - Spirit of Life

Sermon - "Religious Naturalism" by Mary Kay Peters; Dave Richardson

Closing Words by Brian Swimme - Dave Richardson

Closing Song - #343 - A Firemist and a Planet

Extinguishing of Chalice We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Postlude: "O Isis und Osiris" - Mozart (Jay Gawff, piano; Jay Wise, trombone)

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 Follow settings and choose Favorites) and opt in to text messages from the church via Remind (<https://www.firstuomaha.org/remind>). Prefer hard copy? Printouts of the latest Church News e-blast are available in the foyer.

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