

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
September 12, 2023
"Playing with Purpose" by Rev. Shari Woodbury



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Woodbury

Prelude "Deuxieme Arabesque" C. Debussy, J. Gawf, piano

Chalice Lighting - Daniel de Riancho

*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

Opening Hymn - #361 - Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Time for All Ages - Child Dedication - Rev. Shari Woodbury & Christina Strong

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.*

Generosity Moment - Mary Kay Peters - Building on the Momentum

Community Offering - for Planned Parenthood

Offertory - "Intermezzo Op. 119 No. 3", J.
Brahms, 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 - #1009 - Meditation on Breathing

Contemplation - Playdough Meditation

Anthem - “Homeward Bound” by Keen

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

Sermon - “Playing with Purpose” by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Closing Song - #1024 - When the Spirit Says Do

Verses: Do - Sing - Risk - Laugh - Love - Play

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: More of “When the Spirit Says Do”, J. Gawf, piano

Coffee & Conversation with optional FUN stuff !

- **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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