

First Unitarian Church of Omaha  
March 5, 2023  
"Becoming"



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgment** - Rev. Shari Woodbury

**Prelude** "A Prayer" by Powell (Pat Will, organ)

**Chalice Lighting** - Jack Round

*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 Katie Gelfand, adapted

**Opening Hymn** - #346 - Come, Sing A Song with Me

**Time for All Ages** - *Sustaining the Tree of Life* by Lynn Gardner

with Christina Strong and friends

**Singing the Children to Classes** - #414 - As We Leave This Friendly Place

**Stewardship Moment** - Sheri Conner

**Community Offering** - for Women's Center for Advancement

Offertory - "Interlude" by Martin (Pat Will, Organ)

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may turn in yellow card, or write in chat, now.*

**Care & Centering**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Centering Song** - #123 - Spirit of Life

**New Member Ceremony**

**Reading** "Holy Are the Places of Becoming" by Maureen Killoran, adapted

**Anthem** - "Becoming" by Mary Grigolia, arr. by Clif Hardin  
The Sanctuary Singers directed by William Miller (J Gawf, piano)

**Sermon** - "Becoming" by Rev. Shari Woodbury

**Closing Song** - #1028 - The Fire of Commitment

**Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice**

**Postlude:** "Toccata Festiva" - Ritter (Pat Will, organ)

### **Coffee & Conversation - Common Room (basement)**

*Forum at Noon on greening our church home*

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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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