First Unitarian Church of Omaha April 23, 2023 "The Thread" by Rev. Shari Woodbury



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Woodbury

Prelude - "Spanish Dance" by James Gallway (Connie DiFazio)

Chalice Lighting - Carol McCabe

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 Shari Woodbury with Mary Kay Peters

Opening Hymn - #188 - Come, Come, Whoever You Are (with counterpoint)

Time for All Ages - "Theodore Parker, the Turtle and the Voice" as retold by Janeen K. Grohsmeyer from Parker's *Recollections of Boyhood* presented by Christina Strong, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

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

Welcoming Congregation Moment - Carol Ramsey

Community Offering - for YES Meals

Offertory - "All Will Be Well" by Meg Barnhouse (The Offbeats)

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Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Centering Song - #391 - Voice Still and Small

Contemplation - an Earth Day Meditation

Sermon - "The Thread" by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Interlude: Sacred Rainbow Dance - 1st UU dancers

with "Székely Áldas" (The Offbeats)

Sermon - "The Thread," part 2

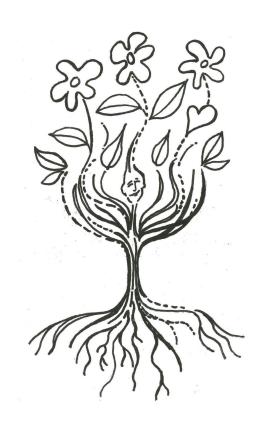
Closing Song - #108 - My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: "Big Yellow Taxi" by Joni Mitchell

(The Offbeats)

Coffee & Conversation - Common Room





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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