

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
May 14, 2023
"Mother Faiths" by Rev. Shari Woodbury
Worship Associates: Colette Piper & Mary Kay Peters



LGBTQIA Welcoming Congregation

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Woodbury

Prelude - "Zueignung" (Devotion) by R. Strauss (J. Gawf, piano)

Chalice Lighting - Bruce and Kate Godfrey

*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.*



online survey

Call to Worship - "Co-regulation" by Elizabeth Mount

Opening Hymn - #301 - Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky

Time for All Ages - *All Moms* by Sarah Kate Ellis & Kristen Ellis-Henderson

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.*

Welcoming Congregation Moment - Barb Herring - Words of HP Rivers, adapted
Congregational Refrain: *Blessed are the queer.*

Community Offering - for Ponca Tribe / Express Transportation

Offertory - "Ave Maria" by Bach/Gounod (Judi Unger, mezzo & J. Gawf, piano)

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Care & Centering

Joys & Concerns

Centering Song - #123 - Spirit of Life

Contemplation - with prayer “For All the Mothers” by Lindasusan Ulrich

Reading - “I Choose You, I Am Here” by Emma Merchant

Sermon - “Mother Faiths” by Rev. Shari Wodbury

Closing Song - #354 - We Laugh, We Cry

Extinguishing of Chalice & Closing Words by Wayne B. Arnason

Postlude: “Credo” by J. Hayden

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.



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