

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
September 8, 2024
“Ever Growing” by Rev. Shari Woodbury
Reader: Mike McAtee



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Prelude - Morning Has Broken, Stevens (J.Unger, piano)

Chalice Lighting -

*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 - “Weavers of One Story” by Leah Ongiri

Opening Hymn - #1000 - Morning Has Come

Community Offering - for Planned Parenthood

Offertory - Song for Monet, Lanz (J. Unger, piano)

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go to <https://www.firstuomaha.org/donations>,
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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 - #0 - Coming Home

Contemplation - Prayer by Molly Kliment-Jenkins

Reading - “Take What You Need and Leave the Rest Behind” by Jen Crow

Sermon - “Ever Growing” by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Closing Song - #301 - Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky

Closing Words (by Kent McCusick) & **Extinguishing of Chalice**

Postlude: Heartsounds, Lanz (J.Unger, piano)

**** Town Hall in Sanctuary following the service ****



BOARD OF TRUSTEES INVITES ALL MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES TO REMAIN IN THE SANCTUARY AFTER THE SUNDAY SERVICE!

The Board will give a short presentation on our historic building, which is in need of substantial and costly repairs to the building. We will discuss the condition of the building and insurance, give an operating budget update, and share thoughts for the future. The presentation will be recorded and uploaded to [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). After attending or viewing the presentation, questions can be submitted to board@firstuomaha.org.

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For families: *Childcare is available for infants through preschoolers (nursery in basement). Kids may go directly to their elementary and middle/high Sunday School classrooms. 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.*



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. Prefer hard copy? Printouts of the latest Church News e-blast are available in the foyer.

Accessing Care: *Are you dealing with grief, illness, a financial rough patch, or want pastoral care from the minister? We don't want members of our community to suffer in silence – please reach out! Go to our caring page (QR code) for more on how our Caring Team and minister can help, and how to connect. We are here for you.*

