

First Unitarian Church of Omaha
July 28, 2024
“Cults, Control and YoUU” by Rev. Shari Woodbury



Welcome & Land Acknowledgment - Rev. Shari Woodbury

Prelude *Prelude No. 2 in C, C. Rollins*

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 - by Marianne Hachten Cotter

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

Community Offering - for Open Arms Trans Social (OATS)

Offertory - *Täumerei, R. Schumann*

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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 - #391 - Voice Still and Small

Contemplation

Sermon - “Cults, Control and YoUU” by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Closing Song - #1019 - Everything Possible

Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

Postlude: *The Heavens Are Telling, Haydn*

Coffee & Conversation - Common Room (basement)

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Rev. Shari's Top Ten Culty Qualities: 1 = not at all culty, 5 = extremely culty

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| 1. Authoritarian Leadership | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |
| 2. Absence of Accountability | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |
| 3. Squash Doubt and Dissent | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |
| 4. Immense Emotional Pressure (+ and -) | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |
| 5. Excess Use of Mind-Altering Practices | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |
| 6. Dependency & Isolation | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |
| 7. One True Way (Theirs) | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |
| 8. Expert Manipulators / Users | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |
| 9. Deception & Worse | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |
| 10. Recruit, Recruit, Recruit (+ \$\$\$) | 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 |

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For families: Childcare is offered during worship for infants through preschoolers (nursery in basement). Over the summer, elementary children may go straight to their classrooms. Kids of all ages are always welcome to attend the full service with their families. 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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