

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

10:30 A.M.

Annual Henry Lemon Sermon

Most members of First Unitarian are familiar with the annual Lemon Sermon, delivered by a lay member of the congregation. Since 1999 each Spring we have been entertained, educated and inspired by the thoughts and feelings expressed by a person who on Sundays is usually sitting in the pews with the rest of us. This unique idea was initiated as a memorial to Dr. Henry Lemon, who delivered several lay sermons himself and advocated the idea for others. After he delivered one of those sermons and was being congratulated by a member, he was heard to utter the phrase which has become the motto of the Lemon Sermon, "We All Have a Sermon in Us."

Share the Plate. Each month one-half of the loose currency in the offering plate is donated to a cause with a local presence which advances important principles of Unitarianism. This month's recipient is **Black and Pink**, an open family of LGBTQ prisoners and "free world" allies who support each other. Their work toward the abolition of the prison industrial complex is rooted in the experience of currently and formerly incarcerated people. This organization responds through advocacy, education, direct service, and organizing. Visit www.blackandpink.org for more information.

Change for Change. Each week generous people put change in the collection plate. This change goes to our Sunday School youth who decide where the money can be best utilized. In the past they have contributed to Community Meals and International Bridges for Justice. This year youth have identified the recipient as Neighborhood Ministry Team, which purchases bus tickets, and food cards and provides blessings bags to people who come to our church requesting help. Your change makes a difference! Thank you for your generosity!

Rev. Michelle LaGrave, Interim Minister (minister@firstuuomaha.org)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss, Affiliated Community Minister

Rev. Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus

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William Miller, Sanctuary Singers Director

J Gawf, Sanctuary Singers Accompanist

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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE

“Arietta”

— Dello Jolo

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maria Wallace

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

* **OPENING HYMN (#40 gray hymnal)** “The Morning Hangs a Signal”

* CHALICE LIGHTING

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person.
Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the
flame within us. — Albert Schweitzer

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go

RIGHT RELATIONS MINUTE

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

“Preludio”

— Della Joio

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of February is

Black & Pink

*The Change for Change beneficiary is the **Neighborhood Ministry Team.***

READING

“Words of Wisdom”

Marie Sedlacek

MEDITATION

“Happy Thought”

— Robert Louis Stevenson

MUSIC

“Simple Gifts”

— Arr. Copland

READING

“More Words of Wisdom”

* **HYMN (#398 gray hymnal)**

“To See the World”

SERMON

“The World is So Full”

Marie Sedlacek

* **CLOSING HYMN (#414 gray hymnal)**

“As We Leave This Friendly Place”

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Caccia”

— Dello Joio

Thank you to Louise Jeffrey for today’s flowers.

**Organist: Patricia Will
Sanctuary Singers
Director: William Miller
Pianist: J Gawf**

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*(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)*