

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

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 **OTOC (Omaha Together One Community)**, a local interfaith organization of which First Unitarian is a member. We encourage you to learn more about OTOC by visiting their website www.otoc.org

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!

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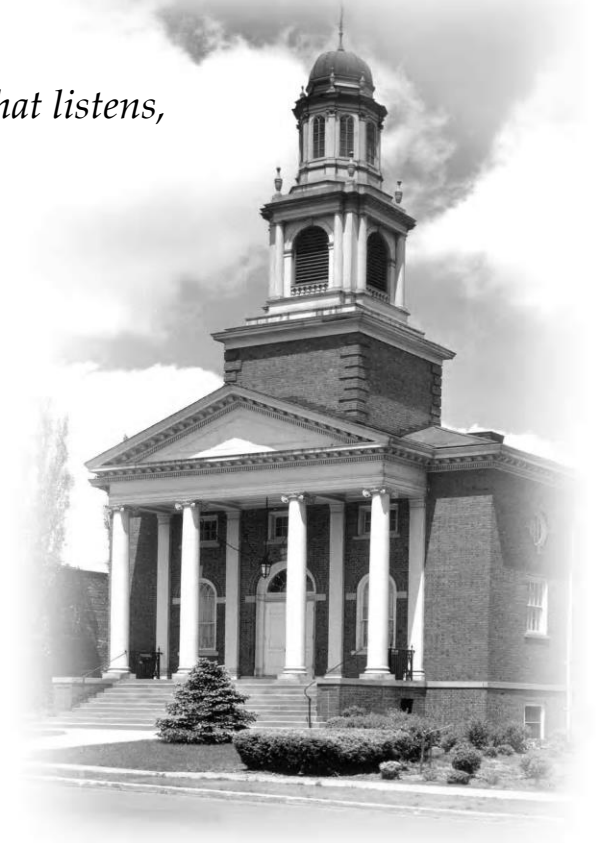
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 9, 2017

10:30 A.M.

*An inclusive community that listens,
engages, inspires, and acts.*



Order of Worship

July 9, 2017

10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Prologue" — Neil Diamond

OPENING WORDS — H. W. Longfellow

STORY FOR ALL AGES

* LIGHTING THE CHALICE

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

* SINGING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR CLASSES

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the Spirit of Love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Denise Allain

OFFERTORY "Shining Hour, Op. 128, No. 3" — Godard

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of July is
OTOC (Omaha Together One Community).
The Change for Change beneficiary is **Neighborhood Ministry.***

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

REFLECTING

READING A Brief History of the Flower Communion

HYMN (#123) "Spirit of Life"

READING (#723) "Flower Communion Prayer"

DEDICATION OF FLOWERS

READING (#724) "Consecration of the Flowers"

AFFIRMING

* **CLOSING HYMN (#21)** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Flight of the Gull" — Neil Diamond

Pianist: Judi Torneten