

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 **Community Meals**, The main task of this organization is to provide a weekly meal on Saturdays at First Baptist Church. Three to four times a year our church cooks and serves the meal for about 250 people living in our neighborhood.

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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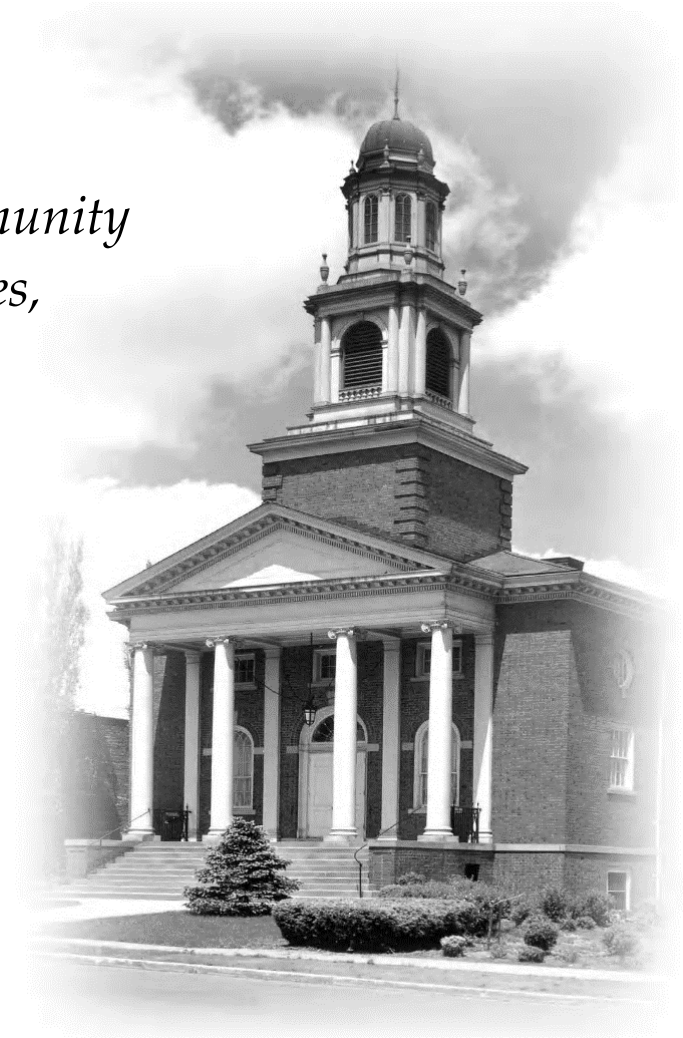
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 2017

10:30 A.M.

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



Order of Worship
December 31, 2017
10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC “Seasons of Love” — Jonathan Larson

WELCOME

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER Genevieve Lee-Regier

Congregation and New Member: We pledge to walk together in the ways of truth and affection, as best we know them now, or may learn them in days to come; that we and our children may be fulfilled and we may speak to the world in words and actions of peace and goodwill.

Congregation: We welcome you into the covenant of our congregation

STORY FOR ALL AGES Kate Wiig

* **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Nadine Keith

OFFERTORY “Sleepsong” — Lovland/Graham

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of December is **Community Meals.***

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

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

REFLECTING

THE PRACTICE OF MINDFULNESS

LESSON — Theodore Parker

MUSIC “What About Us” — Pink/Mac/McDaid

SERMON “A Faith for Troubled Times” Rev. Frank Rivas

ONE-WORD PRAYERS

AFFIRMING

* **CLOSING HYMN (#1023)** “Building Bridges”

* **BENEDICTION** — Theodore Parker

POSTLUDE

Early Morning Risers
Pianist: Stan Harper