

Share the Plate. Each month one-half of the loose currency collected in the offering plate is donated to a local cause that advances important principles of Unitarianism. Our Share the Plate recipient for April 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!

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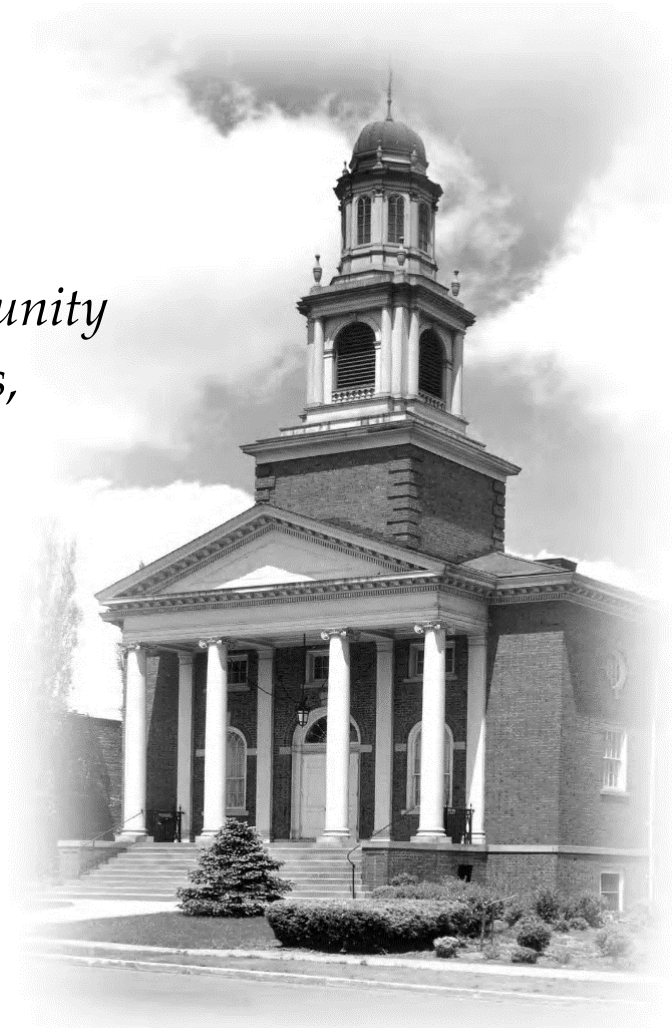
First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

APRIL 7, 2019

10:30 A.M.

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



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BELLSOUND

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Allain

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

PRELUDE

“The Mountains Shall Sing” — Wood

OPENING WORDS

“All of You Is Holy” — Anonymous

* 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

* OPENING HYMN (#145 gray hymnal) “As Tranquil Streams”

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Wendy Buchholz, Miriam Datya & Peter Solfest

Congregation and New Members: We pledge to walk together in 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.

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.

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

HERITAGE MINUTE

Denise Allain

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Joe Schaaf

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Music in the Night” — Hagenberg

MEDITATION

“You Are Not Enough” — Alexis Engelbrecht

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

Dominique Morgan
Executive Director, Black and Pink

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of March is

Black and Pink

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

READING

* **HYMN (#1064 teal hymnal)** “Blue Boat Home”

SERMON

“To Boldly Go Where No UU Has Gone Before” Rev. LaGrave

* **CLOSING HYMN (#146 gray hymnal)** “Soon the Day Will Arrive”

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Theme from *Star Trek*”

Organist: Patricia Will

Sanctuary Singers

Director: William Miller

Accompanist: J Gawf

Use the QR code to the right to see the news:



From **“Music in the Night”**

By Harriet Prescott Spofford

When stars pursue their solemn flight,
Oft in the middle of the night,
A strain of music visits me,
Hushed in a moment silverly,—
Such rich and rapturous strains as make
The very soul of silence ache
With longing for the melody;

Or how or whence those tones be heard,
Hearing, the slumbering soul is stirred,
As when a swiftly passing light
Startles the shadows into flight;
While one remembrance suddenly
Thrills through the melting melody,—
A strain of music in the night.