

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 23, 2018

10:30 A.M.

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 **Youth Emergency Services (YES)**. YES serves homeless and at-risk youth by providing critically needed resources that empower them to become self sufficient.

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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engages, inspires, and acts.*



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BELLSOUND

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peg Pidgeon

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

GATHERING MUSIC

“Winter Wonderland”

— Bernard/Smith

OPENING WORDS

— William F. Schulz

*** CHALICE LIGHTING**

We light this chalice, symbol of our Unitarian Universalist faith, in the spirit of free inquiry. May its light burn brightly, lighting the multiple paths we each travel in our common quest for truth and meaning. May its light remind us of our own light, that we may allow the truth of each human life to burn as brightly.

— Rev. Michelle LaGrave

*** OPENING HYMN (#361 gray hymnal)** “Enter, Rejoice and Come In”

RESPONSIVE READING

“Take Off Your Shoes” — adapted Macrina Wiederkehr

THE FIRST STORY: MOSES

*** HYMN (#273 gray hymnal)** “Immortal Invisible” (Verses 1 & 3)

HERITAGE MINUTE

Dave Richardson

MUSIC

“Standing On Holy Ground”

— Rob Tobias

THE SECOND STORY: AMITA

*** HYMN (#158 gray hymnal)** “All Praise the Source of Faith and Learning” (Verses 1 & 2)

MEDITATION

— Richard Gilbert

THE THIRD STORY: EMILY

*** HYMN (#203 gray hymnal)** “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky” (Verses 1 & 3)

OFFERTORY & OFFERING

“Let the Mystery Be”

— Iris DeMent

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of December is

YES (Youth Emergency Services).

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

THE FOURTH STORY: FERRY BEACH

*** HYMN (#4 gray hymnal)** “I Brought My Spirit to the Sea”

MESSAGE

“Holy Ground”

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

*** CLOSING HYMN (#1088 teal hymnal)** “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

*** EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Standing On Holy Ground” (Reprise)

— Rob Tobias

Early Morning Risers
Pianist & EMR Director: Stan Harper

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(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)