

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 27, 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 **Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**, the United States' largest organization for parents, families, friends, and allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ)

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



# Order of Worship

May 27, 2018

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## GATHERING

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### BELLSOUND

### GATHERING MUSIC

“You’ve Got a Friend in Me” — Randy Newman

### WELCOME

### CHILD DEDICATION

Grace Krull

### \* LIGHTING THE GA TRAVELING CHALICE

Kate Wiig

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

Nellie Chenoweth

### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Klyde Warren

**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.

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

## COVENANT

**Members of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans:** As UU's, we covenant with this congregation to engage openly, share willingly, and grow in celebration of the Sixth Source. We covenant to remain an integral part of this community. We reach out and clasp the hand of fellowship, as we pledge to extend that hand to those that follow.

**Other Members:** We, the members of First Unitarian Church, covenant to welcome you fully into our congregation, to learn from you, to challenge you, and to celebrate our connection.

### OFFERTORY

“For Good”

— Stephen Schwartz

## REFLECTING

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### THE PRACTICE OF MINDFULNESS

### DOXOLOGY (#123)

“Spirit of Life”

### LESSON

— James Agee

### MUSIC

“The Journey”

— Manuel Pia Tablizo

### SERMON

“Blessing”

Rev. Frank Rivas

## AFFIRMING

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### \* CLOSING HYMN (#1)

“May Nothing Evil Cross This Door”

### \* BENEDICTION

— Nancy Wood

### POSTLUDE

“Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)”

— Green Day

**Early Morning Risers**  
**Pianist & EMR Director: Stan Harp**