

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 4, 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 **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](http://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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*An inclusive community  
that listens, engages,  
inspires, and acts.*



# Order of Worship

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## GATHERING

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### BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Aria" — Wood

ANTIPHONAL READING (#439) — Sophia Lyon Fahs

### WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "This Little Light of Mine" — arr. Hayes

STORY FOR ALL AGES Kate Wiig

### \* 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

### \* 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 Maria Wallace

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Alan Vovolka

OFFERTORY "Kum Ba Yah" — arr. Graham  
Traditional South African Tune

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of March is*

**OTOC (Omaha Together One Community).**

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

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

## REFLECTING

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THE PRACTICE OF MINDFULNESS — words adapted from Nancy Wood

DOXOLOGY (#396) "I Know This Rose Will Open"

LESSON — Craig Barnes

CHORAL ANTHEM "Simple Gifts" — American Shaker Song  
arr. Pooler

SERMON "Counting Our Blessings" Rev. Frank Rivas

## AFFIRMING

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\* HYMN (#354) "We Laugh, We Cry"

\* BENEDICTION — from Lauralyn Bellamy

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Tis the Gift to Be Simple" — arr. Pooler

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" — Martin

**Organist: Patricia Will**  
**Choir Director: William Miller**  
**Choir Accompanist: J. Gawf**