

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF SERVICE

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

10:30 A.M.

## Covenant of Right Relations

We, the congregation of First Unitarian Church of Omaha, covenant together:

To create a religious community where we can freely explore our values and foster diversity as a source of communal strength.

To build healthy relationships, seeking to understand each other and respect our differences.

To listen deeply and endeavor to communicate directly, honestly, and compassionately, particularly when we are in conflict.

To do our best to make amends when we have hurt each other, even unintentionally, to learn from our mistakes, to forgive, and to reconnect in a spirit of understanding and commitment.

Approved by the congregation May 2019

**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 **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](http://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!

Rev. Michelle LaGrave, Interim Minister ([minister@firstuuomaha.org](mailto:minister@firstuuomaha.org))

Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss, Affiliated Community Minister

Rev. Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus

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Patricia Will, Organist

William Miller, Sanctuary Singers Director

J Gawf, Sanctuary Singers Accompanist

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February 16, 2020

10:30 A.M.

## BELLSOUND

## PRELUDE

“But Now I See” — Williamson

## INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Machaela Player

## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

“When News Has Been Sad” Mary Thomas  
By Sharon Wylie

\* **OPENING HYMN (#128 gray hymnal)** “For All That is Our Life”

## \* 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

## STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

## SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the spirit of love surround you,  
everywhere, everywhere you may go

## RIGHT RELATIONS MINUTE

Deborah McAtee

## OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

“Air” — Young

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

**Black & Pink**

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

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

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## MEDITATION

“Bound by Impermanence”  
by Kyle Johnson

Kabin Thomas

## MUSIC

“Sim Shalom (Prayer for Peace)”

— Will Lopes

Avinu, sim shalom Tova uvracha lanu Adonai eloheinu chaim Sim shalom lanu la'ad	Our Father, grant peace goodness and blessing to us. Lord, our god of life, grant peace to us forever.
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## READING

“Faith is Like a Walking Stick”  
by Gary Kowalski

Tom Seguin

## READING

“A Recipe for Resilience”

— Margaret Weis

\* **HYMN (#1015 teal hymnal)**

“I Know I Can”

## SPEAKERS

“Resilience”

Tom Seguin  
Mary Thomas

\* **CLOSING HYMN (#391 gray hymnal)** “Voice Still and Small”

\* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

\* **BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

— Williamson

**Thank you to Diane Withem for today's flowers.**

**Organist: Patricia Will**  
**Sanctuary Singers**  
**Director: William Miller**  
**Pianist: J Gawf**  
**Violinist: Nolan Devries**