**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!

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###### February 23, 2020

###### 10:30 A.M.

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 **BELLSOUND**

 **PRELUDE** “Three Little Birds” — Bob Marley

 **INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Catherine Plumlee

 **WELCOME** Rev. Michelle LaGrave

 **OPENING WORDS** “The Great Teachers in Life” — Jason Cook

\* **OPENING HYMN (#187 gray hymnal)** “It Sounds Along the Ages”

\*  **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** “Starfish” — Loren Eiseley

 **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** Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss

 **MUSIC** “The Fear” — Lily Allen

 **MEDITATION** “The Web of Life”— Robert Weston

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

 **OFFERTORY AND OFFERING**  “Got to Begin Again” — Billy Joel

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

**Black & Pink**

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

 **READING** “The Paradox of Tolerance”— Karl Popper

 **HYMN (#297 gray hymnal)** “The Star of Truth”

 **SERMON** “Wonder Woman, Fake News,Rev. Michelle LaGrave

Lie Detectors, & Reasons for Hope - Part I”

**\* CLOSING HYMN (#311 gray hymnal)** “Let It Be a Dance”

 **CLOSING WORDS** “Cherish Your Doubts”— Michael A. Schuler

**\* EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

 **BENEDICTION** “Now May the Love of Truth” — Jame E. Mauldin

 **POSTLUDE**

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

**Early Morning Risers**

 **EMR Director: Stan Harper**

**With deepest gratitude for all those who made today's service, religious education programming, and social hour possible.**

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