

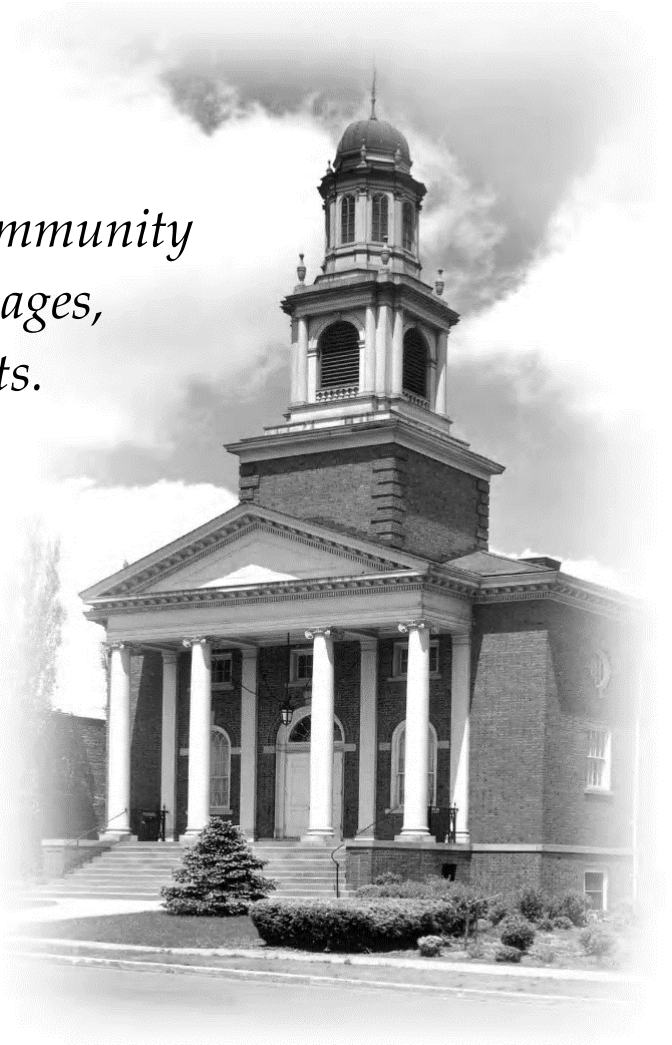
First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

MARCH 8, 2020

10:30 A.M.

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



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!

Rev. Michelle LaGrave, Interim Minister (minister@firstuuomaha.org)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss, Affiliated Community Minister

Rev. Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus

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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE

“King of Anything” — Sarah Bareilles

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peg Pidgeon

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

OPENING WORDS

“The Wisdom Within” — Rev. Scott Taylor

ESTHER 1:10-20

Carolyn McNamara

* **OPENING HYMN (#212 gray hymnal)** “We Are Dancing Sarah’s Circle”

* CHALICE LIGHTING

Christina Strong

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

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

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

ESTHER 2:2-4, 17-23

Sarah Copeland

RIGHT RELATIONS MINUTE

ESTHER 3:2-6, 12-13

ESTHER 4:1-3, 15-17

MUSIC

“Speechless” — Pasek, Paul, Menken

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

ESTHER 5:12-14

Margaret Johnston

ESTHER 6:1-11

HYMN (#112 gray hymnal) “Do You Hear?” (verses 1-2)

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING “March of Cambreadth” — Heather Alexander

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of March is

YES (Youth Emergency Services).

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

ESTHER 7:1-10

HYMN (#113 gray hymnal) “Where Is Our Holy Church?”

ESTHER 8:9-12

ESTHER 8:15-17

SERMON “Esther, Who Will Save Us Now” Rev. Michelle LaGrave

* **CLOSING HYMN (#395 gray hymnal)** “Sing and Rejoice”

* **CLOSING WORDS** “Wisdom Patiently Waiting” — Rev. Scott Taylor

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“King of Anything” Reprise

Thank you to Louise Jeffrey 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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