

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 16, 2018

10:30 A.M.

WINTER HOLIDAYS SERVICE

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!

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Readers: Rev. Royal Carleton, Ben Wallace, Mary Kay Peters, Kathy Alexander

FIRST CALL — Nancy Shaffer

BELLSOUND — Rainer Maria Rike

A FEW WORDS & A WELCOME Rev. Michelle LaGrave

PRELUDE “’Twas the Moon of Wintertime” — Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP — Words from Rumi

*** CHALICE LIGHTING**

To face the world’s shadows, a chalice of light.
To face the world’s coldness, a chalice of warmth.
To face the world’s terrors, a chalice of courage.
To face the world’s turmoil, a chalice of peace.
May its glow fill our spirits, our hearts, and our lives. — Rev. Lindsay Bates

*** OPENING HYMN (#225)** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

STORY FOR ALL AGES Kate Wiig

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.

HERITAGE MINUTE Dave Richardson

READING “We are Waiting” — Leslie Takahashi

MEDITATION “Advent Meditation” — David O. Rankin

CHORAL ANTHEM “Believe” — from *Polar Express* (Arr. Chinn)

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

RESPONSIVE READING (#621) “Why Not a Star”

OFFERTORY & OFFERING “Lo’ How a Rose e’re Blooming” — Davidson

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of December is

YES (Youth Emergency Services).

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

READING “The Feast of Lights” — Emma Lazarus

*** HYMN (#223)** “Rock of Ages, Let Our Song”

READING “The Moment of Magic” — Victoria E. Safford

A BRIEF PRAYER “Embrace the Night” — Jennifer Leota Gray

*** HYMN (#327)** “Joy, Thou Goddess”

READING “Winter Solstice” — Rebecca Parker

READING “The Shortest Day” — Susan Cooper

*** CLOSING HYMN (#235)** “Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly”

READING “Solstice” — Diane Lee Loomney

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

BENEDICTION “A Blessing for Traveling in the Dark” — Jan Richardson

POSTLUDE “Shepherd’s Pipe” — Young

Organist: Patricia Will
First Unitarian Church Choir
Choir Director: William Miller
Choir Accompanist: J. Gawf

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