

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

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 **Siena/Francis House**, Nebraska's largest shelter providing food, shelter, clothing and hope to homeless men, women and children. We encourage you to learn more about Siena/Francis House by visiting their website www.sienafrancis.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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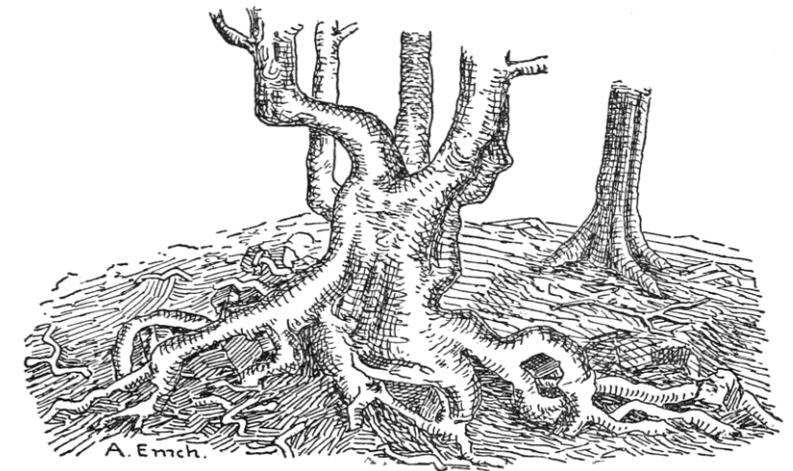
ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 6, 2017

10:30 A.M.

"Science is just magic we understand."

"Forests talk to each other. Mother trees send messages and nutrients underground through their root systems to their children and to other symbiotic trees, literally forming an interdependent web of life."



Order of Worship

August 6, 2017

10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

BELLSOUND

PROCESSIONAL

“Harvest Song”

OPENING WORDS

Mark Tipton

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

* LIGHTING THE CHALICE

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

Nellie Chenoweth

OFFERTORY

“Nocturne in E Minor”

— Chopin

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of August is Siena/Francis House.

The Change for Change beneficiary is Neighborhood Ministry.

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

REFLECTING

MOMENT OF SILENCE

RESPONSIVE READING

To be of the Earth is to know
the restlessness of being a seed
the darkness of being planted
the struggle toward the light
the pain of growth into the light
the joy of bursting and bearing fruit
the love of being food for someone
the scattering of your seeds
the decay of the seasons
the mystery of death
and the miracle of birth.

—John Soos, adapted

* HYMN (#118) “This Little Light of Mine”

“What NOT to Ask Your Pagan Friend”

Sophia Godfrey & Erin Stokes

“Magic in the World Around Us”

Mary Kay Douglas-Peters

“The Tree Lady’s First Harvest”

Kathy Alexander

AFFIRMING

* CLOSING HYMN (#1064) “Blue Boat Home”

POSTLUDE

“Harvest Moon” — Neil Young

Judi Torneten, Pianist & Early Morning Risers