

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

JULY 21, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Courage starts with showing up and letting ourselves be seen. Because true belonging only happens when we present our authentic, imperfect selves to the world, our sense of belonging can never be greater than our level of self-acceptance. — Brené Brown



Share the Plate. Each month one-half of the loose currency collected in the offering plate is donated to a local cause that advances important principles of Unitarianism. Our Share the Plate recipient for 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 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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BELLSOUND

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Thomas

WELCOME

Ben Wallace

PRELUDE

“Impromptu, Op. 142, No. 2” — Schubert

OPENING WORDS

“Charter for Compassion” Nathan Kramer

Congregational Response: “This, we practice.”

* **CHALICE LIGHTING** “Bold and Courageous Together” — Erika A. Hewitt

Congregational Response:

With full hearts,
we affirm our relationships with one another;
we recognize our agency and our connective power;
and we accept our responsibility to be bold and courageous.

We light this chalice,
symbol of all that we are, all that we have done together,
and all that we will be as our shared ministry
encourages those within, and beyond, our walls.

* **OPENING HYMN (#1027 teal hymnal)** “Cuando El Pobre” Maria Wallace

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.

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

HERITAGE MINUTE

Dave Richardson

MUSIC

“If I Were Brave” — Jana Stansfield

Molly Dewell

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING “Prelude in C” — Bach

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of July is

Black and Pink

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

READING “Thoughts on Courage and Kindness” Lily McEvoy

READING “Excerpts from Consolations” — David Whyte

Sarah Copeland

SERMON “The Courage to Be Kind” Ben Wallace

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

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “If You’re Out There” — John Legend

Piano: Judi Torneten

Thank you to Dave Richardson for today’s flowers.

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