

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 **Community Meals**, The main task of this organization is to provide a weekly meal on Saturdays at First Baptist Church. Three to four times a year our church cooks and serves the meal for about 250 people living in our neighborhood.

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

OCTOBER 1, 2017

10:30 A.M.

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



Order of Worship

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GATHERING

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE

“Pieta”

— Walton

WELCOME

CYCLE OF LIFE

Barb Ross

STORY FOR ALL AGES

* 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

Dave Richardson

MEMBERSHIP

Michael McAtee

OFFERTORY

“Pastorale”

— Wood

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of October is **Community Meals.***
*The Change for Change beneficiary is the **Neighborhood Ministry Team.***

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

REFLECTING

THE PRACTICE OF MINDFULNESS

CHORAL INTROIT

“Filled With Loving Kindness”

— Riddell/Arr. Hayes

LESSON

— Elie Wiesel

CHORAL ANTHEM (insert)

“Things That Never Die”

— Words by Dickens/

(Congregation joins Choir 2nd time through) — Music by Dengler

SERMON

“26% Of Americans Do Not Believe in God”

Rev. Frank Rivas

AFFIRMING

* CLOSING HYMN (#1014)

“Standing on the Side of Love”

* BENEDICTION

— from Frederick Gillis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Trees of the Field”

— Dauermann

"You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy."

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on ‘Old Hundredth’ ”

— Young

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