

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 22, 2019

10:30 A.M.

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)

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



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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE

“Ring Out, Solstice Bells” — Ian Anderson

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nellie Chenoweth

WELCOME

“Calling Quarters”

* **OPENING HYMN (#1063 teal hymnal)** “Winter Solstice Chant”

* CHALICE LIGHTING

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

Telia Colbert

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

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

MUSIC

MEDITATION

— Rabbi Rami Shapiro

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

“Winter Song” — S. Bareilles/I. Michaelson

READING

“Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” — Robert Frost

* **HYMN (#55 gray hymnal)**

“Dark of Winter”

SERMON

“Holly King and Oak King” Sara Switzer

“Holly King” Jared Furr

“Oak King” Stephen Switzer

* **CLOSING HYMN (#12 gray hymnal)** “O Life That Maketh All Things New”

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

“Closing the Circle”

POSTLUDE

The holiday poinsettia is placed on the chancel table by the Sarah Joslyn Society in memory of its deceased members, who kindly promised during their lifetime to remember First Unitarian Church in their wills.

Today we remember especially

**Betty Holloway, Katherine Bester McClure, Yvonne Price,
Kop Ramsey and Shelton Hendricks**

Early Morning Risers

EMR Director: Stan Harper

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.***

*(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)*

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