

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 **Mind & Soul Radio, 101.3 FM** which is a community radio station broadcasting from the Malcolm X Foundation. It's been described as North Omaha's voice over the airwaves and "a place where ideas are discussed, and unapologetic solutions for social justice are found and disseminated."

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@firstuomaha.org)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss, Affiliated Community Minister

Rev. Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus

Rev. Frank Rivas, Minister Emeritus

Christina Strong, Director of Religious Education (dre@firstuomaha.org)

Carrie Helmberger, Membership Coordinator (coordinator@firstuomaha.org)

Catharine Dixon, Church Administrator (admin@firstuomaha.org)

Patricia Will, Organist

William Miller, Sanctuary Singers Director

J Gawf, Sanctuary Singers Accompanist

Stan Harper, Early Morning Riser Director

Andrea Laudi, Nursery Coordinator

Robert Medrano, Custodian

3114 Harney Street

Omaha, Nebraska 68131

(402) 345-3039

www.firstuomaha.org

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

JANUARY 5, 2020

10:30 A.M.

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



Order of Service

January 5, 2020

10:30 A.M.

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE

“Prelude on a French Carol” — arr. Powell

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catherine Plumlee

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

CALL TO WORSHIP

— Sylvia Howe

* **OPENING HYMN (#350 gray hymnal)** “The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time”

* CHALICE LIGHTING

In honor of our Unitarian and Universalist ancestors who asserted principles of human free will and divine love; and in honor of all those past and present who have struggled in the fight for freedom over slavery; we light this chalice — symbol of truth and of freedom.

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

RESPONSIVE READING (#544 gray hymnal) “New Year’s Day”

MUSIC

“Footsteps in the Snow” — Debussy

MEDITATION

— Amanda Poppei

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING “Forest Green” — arr. Wood

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of January is

Mind & Soul Radio, 101.3 FM.

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

READING Excerpts from “What on Earth” — Robert Fulghum

* **HYMN (#187 gray hymnal)** “It Sounds Along the Ages”

SERMON “Watch Night: What Are We Watching and Waiting For?”
Rev. Michelle LaGrave

* **CLOSING HYMN (#126 gray hymnal)** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Noel” — McKay

Thank you to Kay Lynn Goldner for today’s flowers.

Organist: Patricia Will

Use the QR code to the right to see the news.

