

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 **OTOC (Omaha Together One Community)**, a local interfaith organization of which First Unitarian is a member. We encourage you to learn more about OTOC by visiting their website www.otoc.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

MARCH 5, 2017

10:30 A.M.

Now the onely way to avoyde this shipwracke, and to provide for our posterity, is to followe the counsell of Micah, to doe justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. For this end, wee must be knitt together, in this worke, as one man. Wee must entertaine each other in brotherly affection. Wee must be willing to abridge ourselves of our superfluties, for the supply of other's necessities. Wee must uphold a familiar commerce together in all meekeness, gentlenes, patience and liberality. Wee must delight in eache other; make other's conditions our oune; rejoyce together, mourne together, labour and suffer together, allwayes haueving before our eyes our commission and community in the worke, as members of the same body. Soe shall wee keepe the unities of the spirit in the bond of peace.

From John Winthrop's
"City Upon a Hill," 1630

Order of Worship

March 5, 2017

10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Shall We Gather at the River?" — Wood

WELCOME

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 Nadine Keith

SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH Jackie Anderegg & Frank Rivas

OFFERTORY "Elegy" — Boellmann

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for
the month of March is OTOC (Omaha Together One Community).
The Change for Change beneficiary is the Neighborhood Ministry Team.*

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

REFLECTING

CHORAL INTROIT "Guide My Feet" — Traditional Spiritual

A MOMENT OF SILENCE concluded with a bellsound

DOXOLOGY (#123) "Spirit of Life"

LESSON — Roger Ebert

CHORAL ANTHEM "Turn! Turn! Turn!" — Seeger/ Emerson

SERMON "So Great a Cloud of Witnesses" Rev. Frank Rivas

AFFIRMING

* **HYMN (#128)** "For All That Is Our Life"

* **BENEDICTION** —from Mary Oliver

CHORAL BENEDICTION "I'll Fly Away" — Blumley

POSTLUDE "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" — Mansfield

Organist: Patricia Will
Choir Director: William Miller
Choir Accompanist: Elizabeth Kelly