

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha



Martha and the Reverend Waitstill Sharp

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
OCTOBER 2, 2016  
10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "But Now I See" — Williamson

WELCOME

STORY FOR ALL AGES "The Rabbit Moon" 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 Royal Carleton

OFFERTORY "Andante Sostenuto" — Lau

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

REFLECTING

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INTROIT "Voice Still and Small"

A MOMENT OF SILENCE concluded with a bellsound

JUSTICE PULPIT Elizabeth Sagert

**Minister:** It is the church that assures us that we are not struggling for justice on our own but, as members of a larger community.

**Congregation:** The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen, and our strength too limited to do all that must be done.

**Minister:** Together, our vision widens and our strength is renewed.

—Mark Morrison-Reed

POEM — from Fernando Pessoa (tr. Richard Zenith)

CHOIR "A Time for Everything" — Mark Hayes

SERMON "Justice, the Other Name of Love" Rev. Frank Rivas

AFFIRMING

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\* HYMN (#1014) "Standing on the Side of Love"

\* BENEDICTION — from Frederick Gillis

POSTLUDE "Recessional in C" — Wagner

**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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**Visitors:** You are invited downstairs after the service for coffee and, if comfortable, asked to take a blue cup which indicates you would enjoy conversation with members. Please also visit the Welcome Table where you can find information on Unitarian Universalism and our church. All visitors, their friends and relatives, and friends and relatives of members are welcome to attend all church functions and social events.

**Assisted Listening Devices** and Large Print Orders of Service are available in the church entryway for your use. Greeters can direct you to these resources

**Please sign in on the pink sheets in each pew.** The information gathered will not only help us count attendance at each service, but will let us know that someone has not been seen lately and may need assistance.

**Parking:** If you are able to park in the MidTown Crossing garage to the west of our parking lot, it would leave our small parking lot for visitors and those who need to park close to the building.

**Children:** The sanctuary foyer has a speaker and comfortable chair for those who need a place to comfort a child during the service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS    October 2, 2016    TODAY

**Flowers:** Today's flowers are provided by Harriet Major in loving memory of her daughter-in-law Mary Major.

**Hospitality: The Flaming Chalices Hospitality Team** is serving you today. Our team serves on the first Sunday of even months. You will recognize our team members by their green hospitality ribbons. Please let us know if you need anything or have questions.

**11:20 a.m. — Sunday Forum: "The Humanist Manifesto and Its Implications"** — Sanctuary presented by Dave Richardson. Copies of the Manifesto are available in the Conference Room (off the sanctuary). *Coffee hour is 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. Please, no food or drink in our beautiful sanctuary.*

**11:30 a.m. — Young Adult Discussion Group** We meet on the first Sunday of each month at Delice (3201 Farnam St. #6112). Calling all people aged 18-35 within this age range. We will be covering any topic that we think is relevant to who we are and our lives. Join us!

**12:00 p.m. — Dungeons & Dragons Group — Common Room** Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. All D&D players are invited. If you have questions, contact Roman at [rmnor-legal@cox.net](mailto:rmnor-legal@cox.net) or 402-769-4260.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 3 — People's Film Festival — 7:00 p.m. — Common Room** We will show *In Our Son's Name*, an intimate portrait of Phyllis and Orlando Rodríguez, whose son, Greg, died with thousands of others in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The bereaved parents choose reconciliation and nonviolence over vengeance and begin a transformative journey that both confirms and challenges their convictions.

**October 4 — Meditation — 8:00 a.m. — Sanctuary** This group meets Tuesdays in the sanctuary for meditation and mindfulness practice. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come to relax, breathe, or just enjoy some peace and quiet in our beautiful sanctuary.

**October 4 — Examined Life Group — 7:00 p.m. — Merritt Lounge** This new group, hopefully to be made up of adolescents and elders equally mixed to males and females, aims to explore and review one's view of self and the world-at-large. In getting acquainted, we shall explore the following questions: Who am I? How do I know who I am? What is my purpose in life? How do I create or recreate myself? What are the specific challenges for living in the 21st Century? To address those questions we shall discuss Things [living and dead] and Ideas. We will be exploring people in relation to basic societal relations, i.e. (1) political and (2) religious leaders, (3) providers of food, clothing and shelter, (4) scientific and (5) educational figures and (6) creators of the arts and leisure. Meetings will be conducted through a Socratic method of general discussion initially led by Doug Wagner and then by rotating or voluntary leadership. As we come to know one another through our personal stories, we shall then integrate selected articles and essays as participants make their suggestions. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact Jack Heidel at [jack-heidel@yahoo.com](mailto:jack-heidel@yahoo.com)

**October 5 — Choir Rehearsal — 7:00 p.m.**

**October 5 — YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) Youth Group Meeting — 7:00 p.m.**

**October 6 — Lunch with the Minister — 11:30 a.m. — Common Room** No RSVP required. Just bring your lunch.

**October 6 — Women's Religious Studies Group — 1:00 p.m. — Merritt Lounge** This group meets every Thursday at 1 pm in the Merritt Lounge and explores a wide range of religious beliefs through reading, study, and discussion. New members welcome. Our next book is "The Battle for God" by Karen Armstrong. For more information, please contact Rae Barry at [raeb1@hotmail.com](mailto:raeb1@hotmail.com). We will not meet on October 13 because the Women's Covenant Group will have its meeting that day.

**October 7 — CommUUnity Night — 5:30 p.m. — Common Room** If you haven't participated before, CommUUnity Night is a fun, laid-back all church event. We gather for a potluck of side items (R.E. will provide the main dish) and we don't worry about who is bringing what. Kids are free to play. If you can't bring anything or you are feeling too rushed to grab or make something last minute COME ANYWAY! There is always plenty of food and what we really want is YOUU!

**October 8 — Black Lives Matter 101 Class — 3:00 p.m. — Whitney Young Room**

This is an intensive, interactive workshop exploring strategies to facilitate engaging conversations concerning uncomfortable topics that function on creating equitable spaces. This session is for people who want to become facilitators to help teach within the church. Class size is limited. To reserve your spot email Rene at [sweetnlow@cox.net](mailto:sweetnlow@cox.net).

**October 9 — One service at 10:00 a.m. — "A Service of Memory and Hope" — Rev. Frank Rivas** Each year we remember loved ones who have died during the preceding year, and we reflect on how the fact of death informs our lives. Those whom we love are with us forever.

**October 9 — Sunday Forum: Ardent Spirit: A Conversation about Margaret Fuller — 11:20 a.m. — Sanctuary** In this interactive forum, we will discuss Margaret Fuller's lasting mark in the interconnected worlds of Unitarianism and transcendentalism. Cassi Moucka will facilitate the conversation, but this will not be a lecture. Please come with an open mind and a willingness to participate actively.

**October 10 — Women's Alliance — 6:30 p.m. — Common Room**

Women, and those who identify as women, are invited to attend. Socializing and beverages at 6:30 p.m. with dinner following at 7:00 p.m. Mary Kay Peters will lead us in a celebration of the feminine spirit and our female ancestors. Participants are encouraged to bring a picture of a beloved female relative. The \$15 cost of dinner goes to the Merritt Education Fund, the Partner Church scholarship, and other First U activities. If this will be your first time at a WA get-together, please be our guest! Our dinner will be a selection of soups (cheese and broccoli, chicken vegetable, tomato basil, and vegetarian barley) and a salad bar with a variety of breads. RSVP to [kathryn.oliver@outlook.com](mailto:kathryn.oliver@outlook.com) or 402-214-2718 (leave a message).

**October 13 — Women's Religious Studies' Covenant Group — 1:00 p.m. — Merritt Lounge** Sister Maureen will be our facilitator for Chapter 10 "Miracles in Listening Hearts." All self-identified women are most welcome. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Harriet Major at [402-391-0248](tel:402-391-0248) or at [hmajor323@cox.net](mailto:hmajor323@cox.net). Please note: The Covenant Group will be meeting in October on the SEC-OND Thursday of the month.

**October 13 — Tolerant Atheist Group — 7:00 p.m. — Common Room** We will return to our traditional discussion format. The topic: our visions for TAG. What does, and could, TAG mean to: you, our church, the Omaha Atheist community, UU Humanists, UUA? What is your vision for TAG and how do we get there? Discussion may include ideas for our church website page and brochure. Gather your thoughts and come. Doors will open at 6pm for those interested in "Bring Your Own Dinner."

Heart & Hand Auction — Friday, October 28, 6-10pm. Visit this site for information:

<http://www.firstuomaha.org/handh>