

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 4, 2016

10:00 A.M.

**Share the Plate** Annually, during the month of December, we share the plate to support our partner church in Romania. You can find more information on our partner church in the December issue of *The Flame*, our newsletter.

**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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Jenny Hastings, Nursery Coordinator

Patricia Will, Organist

William Miller, Choir Director

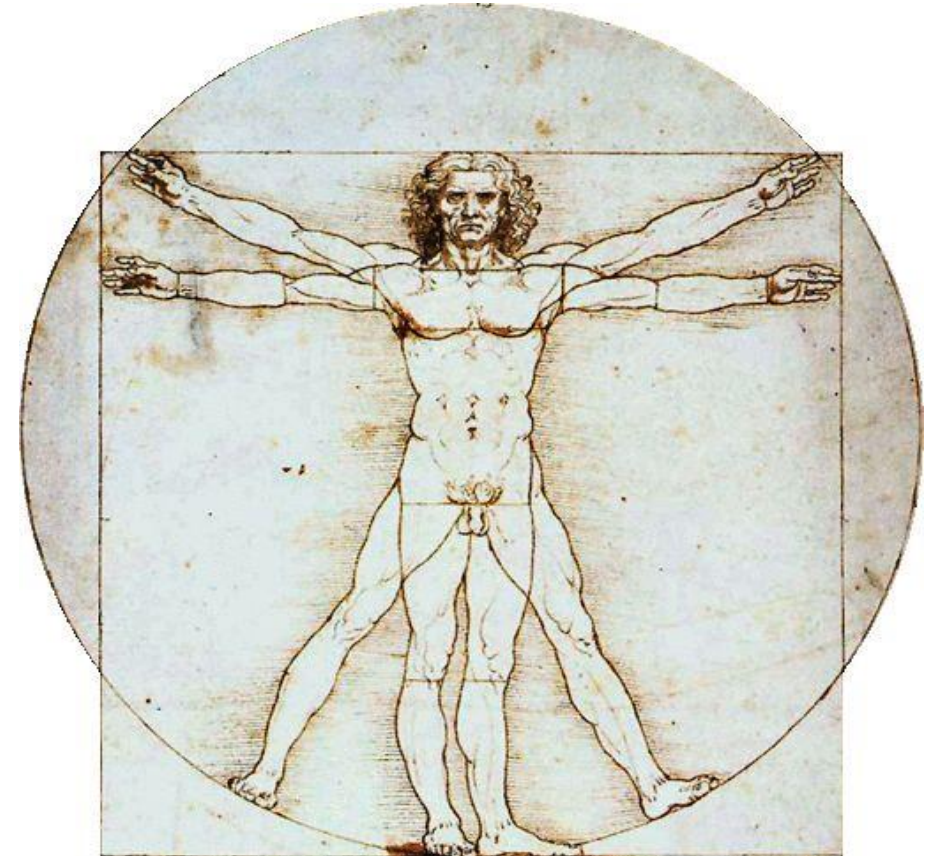
Elizabeth Kelly, Choir Accompanist

Stan Harper, Pianist

Robert Medrano, Custodian

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**Order of Worship**  
**December 4, 2016**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING**

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**BELLSOUND**

**PRELUDE**

“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” — French folk tune  
arr. 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**

Denise Allain

**OFFERTORY**

“Voluntary” — Elgar

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of December is*  
**our partner church in Romania**  
*Change for Change beneficiary is* **Neighborhood Ministry.**

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

**REFLECTING**

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**CHORAL INTROIT** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” — Helmore

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** concluded with a bellsound

**SONG (#391)** “Voice Still and Small”

**SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY**

Barb Henney

**Minister:** To speak one’s truth is a sacred act.

**Congregation:** To hear another’s truth transforms us; it too is a sacred act.

**Minister:** In the speaking and the listening we become beloved community.

**LESSON**

— from the Humanist Manifesto

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

“No Greater Gift” — Schram

**SERMON**

“Changeful and Constant” Rev. Frank Rivas

**AFFIRMING**

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**\* HYMN (#1064)**

“Blue Boat Home”

**\* BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“People, Look East”

**POSTLUDE**

“Clap Your Hands” — Powell

**Organist: Patricia Will**  
**Choir Director: William Miller**  
**Choir Accompanist: Elizabeth Kelly**  
**Percussion: Stan Harper, Collin Hatcher**