

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

10:30 A.M.

The First Unitarian Church of Omaha strives to be a welcoming, liberal religious community with traditions of reason and tolerance, which are reflected in how we live our lives. We are committed to introducing our youth to the breadth of religious thought and encouraging them to responsibly discern their own spiritual paths. We promote spiritual growth, social justice and sustainable living to affect positive change in our society and ourselves.



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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Order of Worship

February 26, 2017

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Allain

* OPENING HYMN (#131)

“Love Will Guide Us”

* 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

OFFERTORY

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of February is **Community Meals.***

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

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

READING

— Langston Hughes

LESSON 1

“World of Perception”

— Maurice Merleau-Ponty

LESSON 2

“Lester “

— Shel Silverstein

PLAY

“Bone Button Borscht: A Tale of Community”

The Wiigfreys

* HYMN (#1021)

“Lean on Me”

HOMILY

CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

Early Morning Risers

Pianist: Stan Harper