

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

10:30 A.M.

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 **Planned Parenthood** We encourage you to learn more about Planned Parenthood by visiting their website www.plannedparenthood.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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that listens, engages,
inspires, and acts.*



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BELLSOUND

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catherine Plumlee

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

PRELUDE

“Please Bless This Space” — Celia Farran

OPENING WORDS

* **CHALICE LIGHTING** “The Spirit of Water” — Katie Gelfand

We light this chalice as a symbol of reunion.

We reunite in this sanctuary to share the flow of our hearts with one another.

We gather together in ritual

to celebrate our fountains of joy

to hold each other through storms of grief

to guide one another through rapids of transformation

to rest together on ponds of stillness.

Together, we honor the spirit of water, its many forms, and its life-giving essence.

* **OPENING HYMN (#361 gray hymnal)** “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

“Never Let Me Go” Welch/Epworth/Hull

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of September is

Planned Parenthood

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

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

READING “Humming with Snails” — Marjorie Skwire

REFLECTION

MEDITATION

MUSIC “Down to the River to Pray” — Philip Lawson

GATHERING OF THE WATERS

* **HYMN (#1046 teal hymnal)** “Shall We Gather at the River”

BLESSING OF THE WATERS

* **CLOSING HYMN (#1007 teal hymnal)** “There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul”

* EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Down to the River to Pray” (reprise) — Philip Lawson

Thank you to Marie Sedlacek for today’s flowers.

Early Morning Risers

Pianist & EMR Director: Stan Harper

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