

**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 **Habitat for Humanity**. We encourage you to learn more by visiting: <https://habitatomaha.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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# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 22, 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.



**Order of Worship**  
**January 22, 2017**  
**10:30 A.M.**

**GATHERING**

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**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**STORY FOR ALL AGES**

Mary Thomas

\* **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**

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of January is **Habitat for Humanity.**  
The Change for Change beneficiary is the **Neighborhood Ministry Team.***

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

**REFLECTING**

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

**JUSTICE PULPIT**

Ben Wallace

**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.

**LESSON**

— from Robert Leonard

**MUSIC**

**SERMON**

“The State of the Union”

Rev. Frank Rivas

**AFFIRMING**

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\* **HYMN (#170)**

“We Are A Gentle, Angry People”

\* **BENEDICTION**

— from Theodore Parker

**POSTLUDE**

**Early Morning Risers**  
**Pianist: Stan Harper**