

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

10:00 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.



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**September 18, 2016**  
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**GATHERING**

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**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**STORY FOR ALL AGES** “The Way Meat Loves Salt,” a traditional Jewish story

\* **LIGHTING THE CHALICE**

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

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**

**OFFERTORY**

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of September is **Project Everlast**  
Change for Change beneficiary is **Neighborhood Ministry**.*

## REFLECTING

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### PLAY AS WORSHIP

A MOMENT OF SILENCE (concluded with a bellsound)

### SONG

### SETTING THE STAGE

Barb Ross

### OUR TOWN — ACT III

— Thornton Wilder

Stage Manager	Barb Ross
Sam Craig	Dave Richardson
Joe Stoddard	Tim Duggan
Mrs. Gibbs	Deb Duggan
Simon Stimson	Dave Richardson
Mrs. Soames	Carolyn McNamara
Emily	Kate Wiig
Mrs. Webb	Megan Gustafson
Mr. Webb	Tim Duggan

## AFFIRMING

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### HYMN (#128)

“For All That Is Our Life”

### \* BENEDICTION

— Mary Oliver

### POSTLUDE

**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 **Project Everlast**. **Project Everlast** is a grassroots effort that promotes using community resources to improve a youth's opportunities and networks for housing, transportation and health care.

**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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