

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 29, 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 **Youth Emergency Services (YES)**. YES serves homeless and at-risk youth by providing critically needed resources that empower them to become self sufficient.

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!

Rev. Michelle LaGrave, Interim Minister (minister@firstuuomaha.org)

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Stan Harper, Early Morning Riser Director

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*An inclusive community
that listens, engages,
inspires, and acts.*



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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE

“This is the New Year” — I. Adel/C. Vaccarino

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Thomas

OPTIONAL: On the note card provided, please write a “Lesson Learned” during 2019 that you’ll take with you to 2020.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Coming Together at Year’s End” — Paul Vachon

* **OPENING HYMN (#346 teal hymnal)** “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

* **CHALICE LIGHTING** “On the Brink of a New Year” — Lois Van Leer

We light this chalice on the brink of a new year
letting go of what has been open and hopeful for what may come
renewed, restored, ready to live life fully anew.
May we move forward with intention.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

MUSIC

“Holy Now” — Peter Mayer

MEDITATION

“As the Year Winds Down” — Mark Stringer

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

OPTIONAL: During the Offertory, please place your “Lesson Learned” in the basket provided.

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of December is

YES (Youth Emergency Services).

The Change for Change beneficiary is the Neighborhood Ministry Team.

READING

“The Road Less Traveled” — Robert Frost

* **HYMN (#350 gray hymnal)** “The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time”

SERMON

“What Did You Learn?” Kabin Thomas

* **CLOSING HYMN (#1064 teal hymnal)** “Blue Boat Home”

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION (#414 gray hymnal)** “As We Leave This Friendly Place”

POSTLUDE

The holiday poinsettia is placed on the chancel table by the Sarah Joslyn Society in memory of its deceased members, who kindly promised during their lifetime to remember First Unitarian Church in their wills.

Today we remember especially

Franklyn Norris, Jack Perry, Audrey Freyer,
Dick Joslin and Olive Erickson

Early Morning Risers

EMR Director: Stan Harper

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