

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 21, 2018

10:30 A.M.

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



Order of Worship
January 21, 2018
10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Prelude on a Swedish Folk Song" — Wood

WELCOME

* **DOXOLOGY (#123)** "Spirit of Life"

STORY FOR ALL AGES Kate Wiig

* **CHALICE LIGHTING**

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 Nellie Chenoweth

OFFERTORY "Prelude on 'Dundee'" — Ley

*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

THE PRACTICE OF MINDFULNESS

CHORAL INTROIT "Morning Has Broken" — Farjeon

JUSTICE PULPIT Kim Callaghan

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 Mary Oliver

CHORAL ANTHEM "Turn! Turn! Turn!" — Seeger/arr. Emerson

SERMON "The Only Constant" Rev. Frank Rivas

AFFIRMING

* **HYMN (#100)** "I've Got Peace Like a River"

* **BENEDICTION** — from Nancy Wood

CHORAL BENEDICTION "May We Shine a Light of Love" — Poley

POSTLUDE "Carillon Toccata" — Wagner

Organist: Patricia Will
Choir Director: William Miller
Choir Accompanist: Elizabeth Kelly