

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

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 our partner church in Firtosmartonos Transylvania Romania. You can find more information on our partner church in the February issue of *The Flame*, our newsletter.

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



## Order of Worship

February 4, 2018

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### GATHERING

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#### BELLSOUND

**PRELUDE** "The Mountains Shall Sing" — Wood

#### WELCOME

#### DOXOLOGY (#379)

**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** Dave Richardson

**OFFERTORY** "Pastorale" — Wood

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of February is  
our partner church in Romania.*

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

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

### REFLECTING

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**THE PRACTICE OF MINDFULNESS** — Lao Tsu

**CHORAL INTROIT** "God Be in My Head" — H. Walford Davies

**JUSTICE PULPIT** Terri Lynn Brewer

**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.

**ANTIPHONAL READING (#437)** — Kenneth Patton

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Frostiana No 7: 'Choose Something Like a Star'"  
— Randall Thompson

**SERMON** "Ziggurat" Rev. Frank Rivas

### AFFIRMING

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\* **HYMN (#303)** "We Are the Earth Upright and Proud"

\* **BENEDICTION** — from Romans 12

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "We Are Marching" — Zulu Song edited by Doreen Rao

**POSTLUDE** "Laudation" — Wagner

**Organist: Patricia Will**  
**Choir Director: William Miller**  
**Choir Accompanist: J Gawf**