

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 8, 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)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss, Affiliated Community Minister

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



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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "I Will Wait" — Dwane/Lovett/Marshall/Mumford

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS Peg Pidgeon

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Michelle LaGrave

* **OPENING HYMN (#235 gray hymnal)** "Deck the Halls"

* CHALICE LIGHTING

We are a church of open minds
We are a church of loving hearts
We are a church of helping hands

STORY FOR ALL AGES "The Gift of the Maji" — O. Henry adapted by Lillian McEvoy

SINGING THE NUSERY CHILDREN OUT

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

MUSIC "We 3 UUs" Trad with lyrics by Mary Kay Peters & Bruce Godfrey

MEDITATION

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

With deepest gratitude for all those who made today's service, religious education programming, and social hour possible.

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING "White Wine in the Sun" — Tim Minchin

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.

THE CHRISTMAS GUEST — Helen Steiner Rice, adapted by Christina Strong

PROCESSIONAL 1 YES gifts and warm weather wear
Reprise of "We 3 UUs", verses 1 & 2

PROCESSIONAL 2 Food Pantry
Reprise of "We 3 UUs", verses 1 & 3

PROCESSIONAL 3 First Unitarian Neighborhood Care
Reprise of "We 3 UUs", verse 1 & 4

* **CLOSING HYMN (#225 gray hymnal)** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

* **CLOSING WORDS** "Pass it On"

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

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

Mary & Dick Holland, Carol & Dean Christensen and Ruth & Dave Nicklin.

Early Morning Risers
EMR Director: Stan Harper

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