

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 12, 2018

10:30 A.M.

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



**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 **Siena/Francis House** which welcomes, shelters and empowers individuals experiencing homelessness to navigate their own path to safe and appropriate housing. We encourage you to learn more about Siena/Francis House by visiting their website [www.sienafrancis.org](http://www.sienafrancis.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**  
**August 12 2018**  
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**GATHERING**

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**BELLSOUND**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

“Rise”

— Eddie Vetter

**OPENING WORDS**

from Homaro Cantu

Nellie Chenoweth

**STORY FOR ALL AGES**

“The Tale of Three Brothers”

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**

**OFFERTORY**

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of August is*

**Siena/Francis House.**

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

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

**REFLECTING**

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**READING**

— Aaron Freeman

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**READING**

“The Appointment in Samara” — Middle Eastern Folk Tale

**MUSIC**

“Do You Realize”

— the Flaming Lips

**SERMON**

“Fixing Our Relationship with Death”

Megan Gustafson

<https://www.nextavenue.org/new-zealanders-preparing-death-coffin-clubs/>

**AFFIRMING**

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**\* CLOSING HYMN (#354)**

“We Laugh, We Cry”

**\* BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL**

**Pianist & EMR Director: Stan Harper**