

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

MARCH 1, 2020

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

Rev. Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus

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Patricia Will, Organist

William Miller, Sanctuary Singers Director

J Gawf, Sanctuary Singers Accompanist

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When I am dying, let me know
That I loved the blowing snow
Although it stung like whips;
That I loved all lovely things
And I tried to take their stings
With gay unembittered lips;
That I loved with all my strength,
To my soul's full depth and length,
Careless if my heart must break,
That I sang as children sing
Fitting tunes to everything,
Loving life for its own sake.

— Sara Teasdale

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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Dedication" — Benoit

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS Mary Thomas

WELCOME Rev. Michelle LaGrave

OPENING WORDS "A Place of Belonging and Caring" — Kimberlee Carlson

* **OPENING HYMN (#360 gray hymnal)** "Here We Have Gathered"

* **CHALICE LIGHTING** Kate Wiig

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

STORY FOR ALL AGES

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

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

WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS Jean & Frank Wagner

Congregation and New Members: We pledge to walk together in the ways of truth and affection, as best we know them now, or may learn them in days to come; that we and our children may be fulfilled and we may speak to the world in words and actions of peace and goodwill.

Congregation: We welcome you into the covenant of our congregation.

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

RIGHT RELATIONS MINUTE Carol Cronin

CHORAL ANTHEM (see cover) "That I Loved" — Mark Burrows

STOKING THE FLAMES OF GRATITUDE

SUNG MEDITATION (#128 gray hymnal) "For All That Is Our Life"

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING "Larghetto" — Groves

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of March is

YES (Youth Emergency Services).

The Change for Change beneficiary is the Neighborhood Ministry Team.

READING "As If There is Nothing to Lose" — Sallie Jiko Tisdale

SERMON "Gratitude, Generosity, & Abundance: Stoking the Flames" Rev. Michelle LaGrave

* **CLOSING HYMN (#404 gray hymnal)** "What Gift Can We Bring"

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Maestoso" — Chesterton

Thank you to Louise Jeffrey for today's flowers.

Organist: Patricia Will

Sanctuary Singers

Director: William Miller; Pianist: J Gawf

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

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