

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 29, 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 **Planned Parenthood**. We encourage you to learn more about Planned Parenthood by visiting their website www.plannedparenthood.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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*An inclusive community
that listens, engages,
inspires, and acts.*



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BELLSOUND

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maria Wallace

PRELUDE

“One Day”

— Hernandez, Lawrence, Levine, Miller

OPENING WORDS (#439 read responsively) “We Gather in Reverence”

* **CHALICE LIGHTING**

— Eric A. Heller-Wagner

Blessed is the fire that burns deep in the soul. It is the flame of the human spirit touched into being by the mystery of life. It is the fire of reason; the fire of compassion; the fire of community; the fire of justice; the fire of faith. It is the fire of love burning deep in the human heart; the divine glow in every life.

* **OPENING HYMN (#131)**

“Love Will Guide Us”

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

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

MEDITATION

— Edward T. Atkinson

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

“I Am Light”

— India Arie Simpson

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of September is

Planned Parenthood

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

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

READING (#568 read responsively) “Connections Are Made Slowly”

* **HYMN (#346)**

“Come, Sing a Song with Me”

SERMON

“MWLS, John Denver & the Freeing of My Soul.
A Tale of Spiritual Birth & the Power of Community”

Mike McAtee

“Sweet Surrender” by John Denver

Performed by Mike McAtee, Jamie Major, & Dave Olson

* **CLOSING HYMN (#354)**

“We Laugh, We Cry”

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

— Eric Williams

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Marie Sedlacek for today’s flowers.

Early Morning Risers
EMR Director: Stan Harper

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