

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 1, 2018

10:30 A.M.

### TO OUTGROW THE PAST

To outgrow the past but not to extinguish it;

To be progressive but not raw.

Free but not mad, critical but not sterile, expectant but not deluded;

To be scientific but not to live on formulas that cut us off from life;

To hear amidst clamor the pure deep tones of the spirit;

To seek the wisdom that liberates and a loyalty that consecrates;

To turn both prosperity and adversity into servants of character;

To master circumstances by the power of principle.

And to conquer death by the splendor of loving trust:

This is to attain peace,

This is to invest the lowliest life with magnificence.

—William L. Sullivan

**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 **OTOC (Omaha Together One Community)**, a local interfaith organization of which First Unitarian is a member. We encourage you to learn more about OTOC by visiting their website [www.otoc.org](http://www.otoc.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

July 1, 2018

10:30 A.M.

### BELLSOUND

### PRELUDE

“Consecration” — Beethoven

### OPENING WORDS

“The Stream Of Life” — Rabindranath Tagore

### \* OPENING HYMN (#40)

“The Morning Hangs a Signal”

### 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.

### UNISON AFFIRMATION (front cover)

### DOXOLGY (#380)

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Richardson

### JUSTICE PULPIT

Maria Wallace

**Leader:** 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.

**Leader:** Together, our vision widens and our strength is renewed.

### OFFERTORY

“Meditation”

— Massenet

### READINGS

Vanessa Timberlake & Evelyn Whitehill

From Loren Eiseley, Paleontologist  
From Robert Jastrow, Astronomer  
From William Pollard, Theologian  
From Jacques Monod, Bio-chemist

### MUSIC

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

— Quaker Song

### SERMON

“Ron Knapp’s Theory of Everything”

Rev. Ron Knapp

### \* CLOSING HYMN (#1064)

“Blue Boat Home”

### \* CLOSING WORDS (#530)

“Out of The Stars”

### POSTLUDE

“May You Always Have A Song”

— Albrecht/Althouse

**Pianist: Judi Torneten**

**Baritone: William Miller**

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

**OTOC (Omaha Together One Community).**

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

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