

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 22, 2018

10:30 A.M.

### *Mystic Sojourn CUUPS Earth Day Service*

**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 **Community Meals**. The main task of this organization is to provide a weekly meal on Saturdays at First Baptist Church. Three to four times a year our church cooks and serves the meal for about 250 people living in our

**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

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### GATHERING

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#### BELLSOUND

#### GATHERING MUSIC

“Earth My Body”

— Nicole Sangsuree

*Earth my body*

*Water my blood*

*Air my breath*

*And fire my spirit*

#### READING

“Return”

— Frank MacEowen  
Nellie Chenoweth

#### \* OPENING HYMN (#1051)

“We Are...”

#### 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Allain

#### OFFERTORY

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of April is **Community Meals**.

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

### REFLECTING

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#### MEDITATION MUSIC (#1009)

“Meditation on Breathing”

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### FIRST READING

Read by Lita Magisana

#### SECOND READING

Read by Sara Switzer

#### MUSIC

“Sure on this Shining Night”

— Samuel Barber

#### SERMON

“Air”

Bethany Murphy

“Fire”

Stephen Switzer

“Water”

Kate Godfrey

“Earth”

Chyna Jedlicka

### AFFIRMING

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#### \* CLOSING HYMN (#327)

“Joy, Thou Goddess”

#### \* BENEDICTION

— from the Lorax by Dr. Suess

#### POSTLUDE

*Please collect a seedling provided with special help from Chyna Jedicka & Becca Hatcher.*

#### Early Morning Risers

Soloist: **Bill Tull**

Pianist & EMR Director: **Stan Harper**

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