

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

**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 **Habitat for Humanity**. We encourage you to learn more by visiting: <https://habitatomaha.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

JANUARY 7, 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

## Order of Worship

January 7, 2018

10:30 A.M.

### BELLSOUND

### PRELUDE

“Pastorale”

— Karg-Elert

### OPENING WORDS

“In Praise of Liberty”

— from John Milton

### OPENING HYMN (#287)

“Faith of the Larger Liberty”

### WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

Genevieve Lee-Regier

**Congregation and New Member:** 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

### STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

### \* CHALICE LIGHTING

We light this beacon of hope,  
Sign of our quest for truth and meaning  
In celebration of the life we share together.

### \* 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.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Richardson

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

### OFFERTORY

“Hymn-tune Prelude”

— Groves

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of January is **Habitat for Humanity.***

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

### CHORAL INTROIT

“Morning Has Broken”

— Farjeon

### READING

“I Call That Mind Free”

— from William Ellery Channing

### UNISON AFFIRMATION (See cover)

### CHORAL ANTHEM

“Stars I Shall Find”

— Words: Sara Teasdale;  
Music: Victor C. Johnson

### SERMON

“What Lies at the Historic Core of Liberal Religion”

Rev. Ron Knapp  
Minister Emeritus

### \* CLOSING HYMN (#290)

“Bring, O Past, Your Honor”

### \* CLOSING WORDS

“Intellectual Peace at the Price of Intellectual Death.”

— from John Tyndall

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

“May We Shine a Light of Love”

— Poley

### POSTLUDE

“March”

— Yarnold

**Organist: Patricia Will**  
**Choir Director: William Miller**  
**Choir Accompanist: J. Gawf**

"There Will Be Rest"

There will be rest, and sure stars shining  
Over the roof-tops crowned with snow,  
A reign of rest, serene forgetting,  
The music of stillness holy and low.  
I will make this world of my devising  
Out of a dream in my lonely mind.  
I shall find the crystal of peace, – above me  
Stars I shall find.

Sara Teasdale  
1884-1933

**Heart & Hand Auction Events with Open Spots**

Buy tickets for Heart and Hand Auction events online at  
[www.auctria.com/auction/2017HHAuction](http://www.auctria.com/auction/2017HHAuction)

or email [auction@firstuomaha.org](mailto:auction@firstuomaha.org)

or pay at the door for larger events.

Heart and Hand Auction events that still have seats for January are:

**"Family Movie Night from Studio Ghibli"**

Saturday, January 13 at 5pm in the Common Room

Kids and adults will enjoy a movie together.

**"Cocktails & Conversation: The High-Up Life"** (offsite)

Monday, January 15 from 5pm to 7pm.

Enjoy the views from Susan Thomas and Steve Hutchinson's  
Midtown penthouse suite.

**"English Country Dance"**

Saturday, January 20 from 7pm to 9pm in the Common Room

Peg Pidgeon will teach us several Jane Austen-era dances  
and we will then practice them.