

**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. Our Share the Plate recipient for January is **Habitat for Humanity**. Last year, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha completed more than 40 homes. Homes are built with donor contributions, volunteer labor and donated materials. Families who partner with Habitat Omaha are required to attend home ownership workshops and complete up to 350 hours of Sweat Equity by helping on the build site or at Omaha's Habitat ReStore. Their monthly mortgage payments are then used to build more homes. Habitat Omaha builds new houses and renovates existing homes. These houses are modest and affordable. To learn more, visit: <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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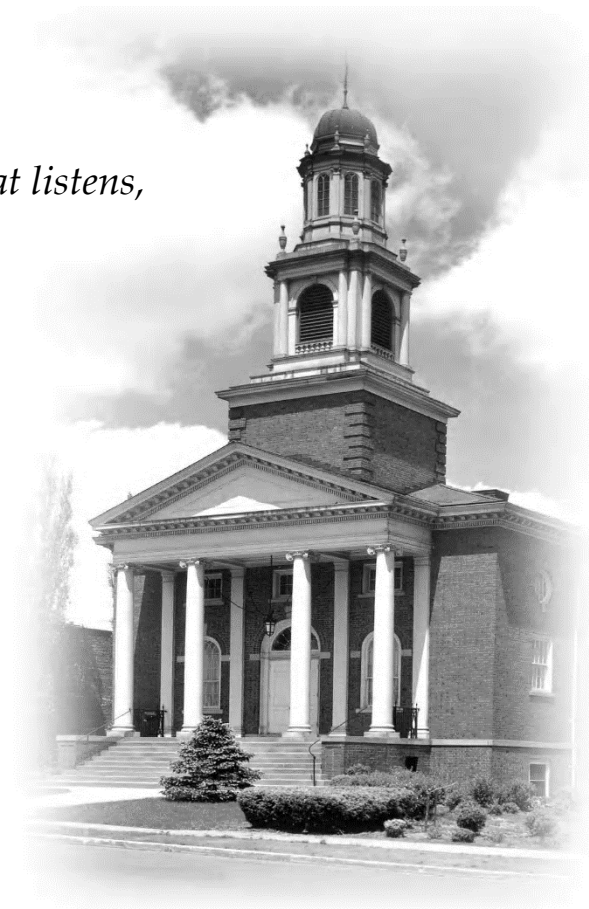
# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF SERVICE

JANUARY 13, 2019

10:30 A.M.

*An inclusive community that listens,  
engages, inspires, and acts.*



**Order of Service**  
**January 13, 2019**  
**10:30 A.M.**

**BELLSOUND**

**INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mary Thomas

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

**GATHERING MUSIC**

“All Star”

— Gregory Camp

**OPENING WORDS**

— Sylvia L. Howe

**\* CHALICE LIGHTING**

We light this chalice on the brink of a new year  
Letting go of what has been  
Open and hopeful for what may come  
Renewed, restored, ready ...

— Lois Van Leer

**\* OPENING HYMN” (#38)**

“Morning Has Broken”

**LETTING GO OF THE OLD YEAR**

“I Spoke As a Child”

— Todd Snyder

**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.

**HERITAGE MINUTE**

Dave Richardson

**READING**

— Excerpts from Robert Fulghum

**OFFERTORY & OFFERING** “With a Little Help from My Friends” — Lennon/McCartney

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

**Habitat for Humanity.**

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

**READING**

— Excerpts from Robert Fulghum

**\* HYMN (#350)**

“The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time”

**HOMILY**

“Are You a Player?”

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

**\* CLOSING HYMN (#311)**

“Let It Be a Dance

**\* EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Early Morning Risers**  
**Pianist & EMR Director: Stan Harper**

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

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