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

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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GATHERING

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Song in the Night" – Wood

WELCOME

PULPIT EDITORIAL Erin Stokes

Minister: The free church relies on no external authority.

Congregation: It rests on the insight and conscience of each individual and

on the ongoing discernment of the congregation

STORY FOR ALL AGES Kate Wiig

* LIGHTING THE CHALICE

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 Maria Wallace

OFFERTORY "Meditation" — Benoit

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of November is

OTOC (Omaha Together One Community).

The Change for Change beneficiary is the Neighborhood Ministry Team.

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

REFLECTING

THE PRACTICE OF MINDFULNESS

CHORAL INTROIT "Spirit of Life"

ANTIPHONAL READING (#584)

CHORAL ANTHEM "I Will Sing" —Beck

SERMON "Polarities" Rev. Frank Rivas

AFFIRMING

* CLOSING HYMN (#121) "We'll Build a Land"

* **BENEDICTION** — from Frederick Gillis

CHORAL BENEDICTION "As We Leave This Friendly Place"

POSTLUDE "Caccia" — Dello Joio

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

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