

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 17, 2017

10:30 A.M.

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 neighborhood.

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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J. Gawf, Choir Accompanist

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“no one leaves home unless
home is the mouth of a shark.

you only run for the border
when you see the whole city
running as well.

your neighbours running faster
than you, the boy you went to school with
who kissed you dizzy behind
the old time factory is
holding a gun bigger than his body,
you only leave home
when home won't let you stay.”

excerpt from *Home* by Warsan Shire (British-Somali Poet)

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GATHERING

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Shepherd's Pipe Carol" — Wood

WELCOME Jeri Thurber

* **HYMN (#361)** "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

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

OFFERTORY "Prelude on an English Carol" — Young

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

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

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

REFLECTING

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CHORAL ANTHEM "Sure, On This Shining Night" — Music Samuel Barber
— Text James Agee

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

KATHLEEN GRANT Co-chair, OTOC Immigration and Refugee Action Group

LARRY JENSEN Head of the Omaha Area Sanctuary Network

ISMAEL RIVERA Recipient of Temporary Protective Status

AFFIRMING

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Within the Shining of a Star" — Lehman, Angebrannt

POSTLUDE "Noel" — Bedell

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