

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

JUNE 2, 2019

10:30 A.M.

ANNUAL CHOIR SERVICE

Share the Plate. Each month one-half of the loose currency collected in the offering plate is donated to a local cause that advances important principles of Unitarianism. Our Share the Plate recipient for June is **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)**. **NAMI** is a grassroots organization dedicated to education, support and advocacy with anyone whose life has been touched by mental illness.

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!

Rev. Michelle LaGrave, Interim Minister

Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss, Affiliated Community Minister

Rev. Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus

Rev. Frank Rivas, Minister Emeritus

Christina Strong, Director of Religious Education (dre@firstuuomaha.org)

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Catharine Dixon, Church Administrator (admin@firstuuomaha.org)

Patricia Will, Organist

William Miller, Sanctuary Singers Director

J Gawf, Sanctuary Singers Accompanist

Stan Harper, Early Morning Riser Director

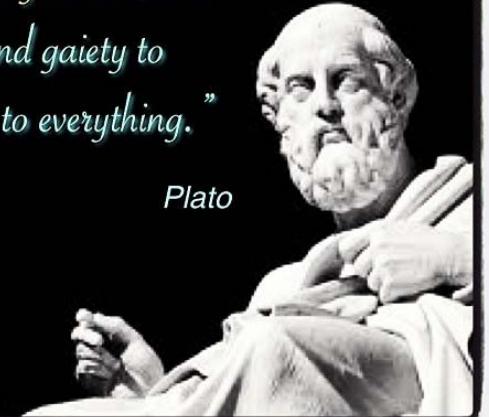
Andrea Laudi, Nursery Coordinator

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"Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything."

Plato



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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Pastorale" — Handel

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS Mary Kay Peters

WELCOME Rev. Michelle LaGrave

* **OPENING HYMN (#39)** "Bring O Morn, Thy Music"

* **LIGHTING THE CHALICE** Kate Wiig

The chalice is the container—the space where the musicians and the listeners gather.
The oil is the fuel— the hours of practice and the life experiences of everyone in the room.
The wick is the instruments and vocal cords through which the music will flow.
And the flame—the flame!—is the music which is created, as if by magic, when the
instruments are lifted, the breath is inhaled, and the downbeat is nodded.
May this flame ignite the music within us all! —Marnie Singer

ANNUAL NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION Carrie Helmberger

SINGING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR CLASSES

CHOIR "Count the Stars" — Andy Beck

"Cantique de Jean Racine" — Gabriel Faure

* RESPONSIVE READING

Music connects us with the murmuring creek and the leaf-strumming wind.

Music restores the voices and sounds of composers long gone, and cultures far away.

Music can lift our spirits or stir a fire within us.

Music can acknowledge our sorrow and soothe our pain.

Music can unite us in spite of our differences.

When we blend our voices to share a song,

We open our hearts and bare our souls to connect with all that is holy.

OFFERTORY "Pastorale" — Benoit

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of June is
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).*

Introduced by Terri Lynn Brewer

The Change for Change beneficiary is the Neighborhood Ministry Team.

HYMN (#395) "Sing and Rejoice"

CHOIR "The Water is Wide" — Trad. Arranged

Katrina Schmidt, Soloist Craig Hella Johnson

"Refuge" — Elaine Hagenberg
Sara Teasdale

WORD OF GRATITUDE Rev. Michelle LaGrave

CHOIR "I Choose Love" — Mark Miller

Christina Thornton, Soloist

"Music In The Night" — Elaine Hagenberg

* **CLOSING HYMN (#36)** "When In Our Music"

CHOIR "Until We Sing Again (A Musician's Blessing)" — Joseph Martin

BENEDICTION

CHOIR (#414) "As We Leave This Friendly Place" — J.S. Bach

POSTLUDE "Hornpipe" — Handel

Organist: Patricia Will
Sanctuary Singers Director: William Miller
Sanctuary Singers Accompanist: J Gawf
Cellist: Christina Allred

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

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