

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 **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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 16, 2016

10:00 A.M.



Walden Pond, Concord, Massachusetts.

Order of Worship
October 16, 2016
10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Aria" — Peeters

WELCOME

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 Nellie Chenoweth

OFFERTORY "Now That Daylight Fills the Skies" — Wood

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of October is **Community Meals**
Change for Change beneficiary is **Neighborhood Ministry.***

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

REFLECTING

CHORAL INTROIT "When We Are Gathered" — Lewis-McLaren; Parry

A MOMENT OF SILENCE concluded with a bellsound

JUSTICE PULPIT Jackie Anderegg

Minister: It is the church that assures us that we are not struggling for justice on our own but, as members of a larger community.

Congregation: The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen, and our strength too limited to do all that must be done.

Minister: Together, our vision widens and our strength is renewed.

POEM —from Fernando Pessoa; tr. Richard Zeneth

CHOIR "Where Have All The Flowers Gone?" — arr. Sirett
In honor of Bob McMeen

SERMON "A Conversion to Humanity" Rev. Frank Rivas

AFFIRMING

* **HYMN (#1064)** "Blue Boat Home"

* **BENEDICTION** —adapted from Howard Thurman

CHORAL BENEDICTION "May You Go Forth In Love" — Albrecht

POSTLUDE "Acclamation" — Leatherman

Organist: Patricia Will
Choir Director: William Miller
Choir Accompanist: Elizabeth Kelly