

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 1, 2019

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 **Youth Emergency Services (YES)**. YES serves homeless and at-risk youth by providing critically needed resources that empower them to become self sufficient.

**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 ([minister@firstuuomaha.org](mailto:minister@firstuuomaha.org))

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Patricia Will, Organist

William Miller, Sanctuary Singers Director

J Gawf, Sanctuary Singers Accompanist

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### BELLSOUND

### PRELUDE

### INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Thomas

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Cyndi Simpson

\* **OPENING HYMN (#389 gray hymnal)** “Gathered Here”

### \* CHALICE LIGHTING

For the wonder and inspiration  
We seek from sun and stars  
And all the lights of the heavens  
We light this chalice.

— Cynthia Landrum

### STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

### SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the spirit of love surround you,  
everywhere, everywhere you may go

### CHORAL ANTHEM

“Wonder of Winter”

— Hayes

### MEDITATION

“Boundaries”

— Lynn Ungar

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

### OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

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

**YES (Youth Emergency Services).**

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

### READING

“Emerson’s Eyeball” from “Nature” — R.W. Emerson

\* **HYMN (#335 gray hymnal)** “Once When My Heart Was Passion Free”

### SERMON

“That Transcending Mystery & Wonder” Rev. Cyndi Simpson

\* **CLOSING HYMN (#1003 teal hymnal)** “Where Do We Come From?”

### \* EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

### \* BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**Thank you to Beth Conover for today’s flowers.**

**Sanctuary Singers**

**Director: William Miller**

**Pianist: J Gawf**

**With deepest gratitude for all those who made today's service, religious education programming, and social hour possible.**

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