

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 15, 2017

10:30 A.M.

*An inclusive community
that listens, engages,
inspires, and acts.*



Order of Worship

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10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Adagio cantabile from Sonata Op. 27, No. 2" — Beethoven

WELCOME

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Sara & Stephen Switzer

Congregation and New Members: We pledge to walk together in the ways of truth and affection, as best we know them now, or may learn them in days to come; that we and our children may be fulfilled and we may speak to the world in words and actions of peace and goodwill.

Congregation: We welcome you into the covenant of our congregation

STORY FOR ALL AGES

* 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 " 'Morgen!' Op. 27, No. 4" — R. Strauss

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

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

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

REFLECTING

THE PRACTICE OF MINDFULNESS

CHORAL INTROIT "May I Be Filled With Loving Kindness" — Riddell/Arr. Hayes

JUSTICE PULPIT Eddith Buis

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.

LESSON — Betty Bobo Seiden

CHORAL ANTHEM "You Raise Me Up"/"We Would Be One" — Arr. Fettker

SERMON "Gilgamesh" Rev. Frank Rivas

* LITANY OF ATONEMENT (#637)

AFFIRMING

* **CLOSING HYMN (#323)** "Break Not the Circle"

* **BENEDICTION** — 1 Corinthians

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Trees of the Field" — Dauermann

POSTLUDE "Etude Op. 25, No. 1" — Chopin

Choir Director: William Miller

Pianist: J. Gawf