

**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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# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

10:30 A.M.

### THE FELLOWSHIP OF FREE SOULS

We believe in a fellowship that shall unite people not in the bonds of Christian, Jewish, or Muslim love — or any other form of sectarian love - but in the holier bonds of human love; Going down, beneath all that separates and estranges, to the principles of freedom and understanding; Below religions to religion; beneath all sacraments to the universal impulse that bends the soul in reverence and awe; Beneath all forms to the faith that strives to express itself in and through them: Thus touching common foundations and securing a common fellowship, Each helping the other by whatever their deeper insights may reveal — A union not of religious systems, but of free souls, united to build on the basis of truth, justice, and love, the commonwealth of humanity.

— Alfred W. Martin

## Order of Worship

February 5, 2017

10:30 A.M.

### BELLSOUND

**PRELUDE** "Chorale Prelude" — Brahms

**OPENING WORDS** "In Praise of Liberty" — John Milton

\* **OPENING HYMN (#287)** "Faith of the Larger Liberty"

**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.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Dave Richardson

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Spirit of Life" — McDade

### \* UNISON AFFIRMATION (See front cover.)

**OFFERTORY** "Voluntary" — Benoit

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

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

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

### SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY

Patricia Soto & Harold Cruz

**Worship Associate:** To speak one's truth is a sacred act.

**Congregation:** To hear another's truth transforms us; it too is a sacred act.

**Worship Associate:** In the speaking and the listening we become beloved community.

**READING** "To Live Deliberately" — Henry David Thoreau

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Blowin' in the Wind" — Dylan/ Thomas

**SERMON** "The Defiant Power of the Human Spirit: — Rev. Ron Knapp  
Reflections on Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*"

\* **HYMN (#290)** "Bring, O Past Your Honor"

\* **CLOSING WORDS** "What Are We to do with this Wonder" — George Meredith

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "As we Leave This Friendly Place" — Bach

**POSTLUDE** "Passacaglia" — Young

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