

# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 25, 2018

10:30 A.M.

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



**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 **OTOC (Omaha Together One Community)**, a local interfaith organization of which First Unitarian is a member. We encourage you to learn more about OTOC by visiting their website [www.otoc.org](http://www.otoc.org).

**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

March 25, 2018

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### GATHERING

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#### BELLSOUND

#### GATHERING MUSIC

“Beautiful Day”

— Bono/U2

#### OPENING WORDS & WELCOME

— Annie Dillard

#### DOXOLOGY (#123)

“Spirit of Life”

#### STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

#### \* CHALICE LIGHTING

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.

#### WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

Sarah Copeland

**Congregation and New Member:** 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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peg Pidgeon

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Eddith Buis

#### OFFERTORY

“Days of Wine and Roses”

—Mancini/Mercer

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

**OTOC (Omaha Together One Community).**

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

### REFLECTING

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#### MUSIC

“I Am”

— Drew McManus

#### SERMON

“The Fleshiness of the Sacred”

Rev. Frank Rivas

#### LESSON

— Susan Griffin

#### A MOMENT OF SILENCE

### AFFIRMING

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#### \* CLOSING HYMN (#207)

“Earth Was Given as a Garden”

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

“Take the A Train”

— Strayhorn/Ellington

**Early Morning Risers  
Pianist & EMR Director: Stan Harper**

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