

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 15, 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@firstuomaha.org)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss, Affiliated Community Minister

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Patricia Will, Organist

William Miller, Sanctuary Singers Director

J Gawf, Sanctuary Singers Accompanist

Stan Harper, Early Morning Riser Director

Andrea Laudi, Nursery Coordinator

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



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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Pavane" — Young

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS Nadine Keith

WELCOME Rev. Michelle LaGrave

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **OPENING HYMN (#203 gray hymnal)** "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"

* 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

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Machaela Player, Lillian McEvoy & Thomas J. Prenosil

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 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

MUSIC "In Winter" — Johnson

MEDITATION "Remember" — Joy Harjo

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING "Prelude on a Welsh Tune" — Young

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 "Call to Worship" — Rev. Victoria Safford

* **HYMN (#91 gray hymnal)** "Mother of All"

SERMON "Searching for Asherah" Rev. Michelle LaGrave

* **CLOSING HYMN (#23 gray hymnal)** "Bring Many Names"

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Caccia" — Dello Joio

The holiday poinsettia is placed on the chancel table by the Sarah Joslyn Society in memory of its deceased members, who kindly promised during their lifetime to remember First Unitarian Church in their wills.

Today we remember especially

Raija Rogers, Diane Jones, Anonymous II, Edith & Sid Wilson

Organist: Patricia Will

Sanctuary Singers

Director: William Miller

Accompanist: J Gawf

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

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