

Share the Plate. Each month one-half of the loose currency collected in the offering plate is donated to a local cause that advances important principles of Unitarianism. Our Share the Plate recipient for April is **Black and Pink**, an open family of LGBTQ prisoners and “free world” allies who support each other. Their work toward the abolition of the prison industrial complex is rooted in the experience of currently and formerly incarcerated people. This organization responds through advocacy, education, direct service, and organizing. Visit www.blackandpink.org for more information.

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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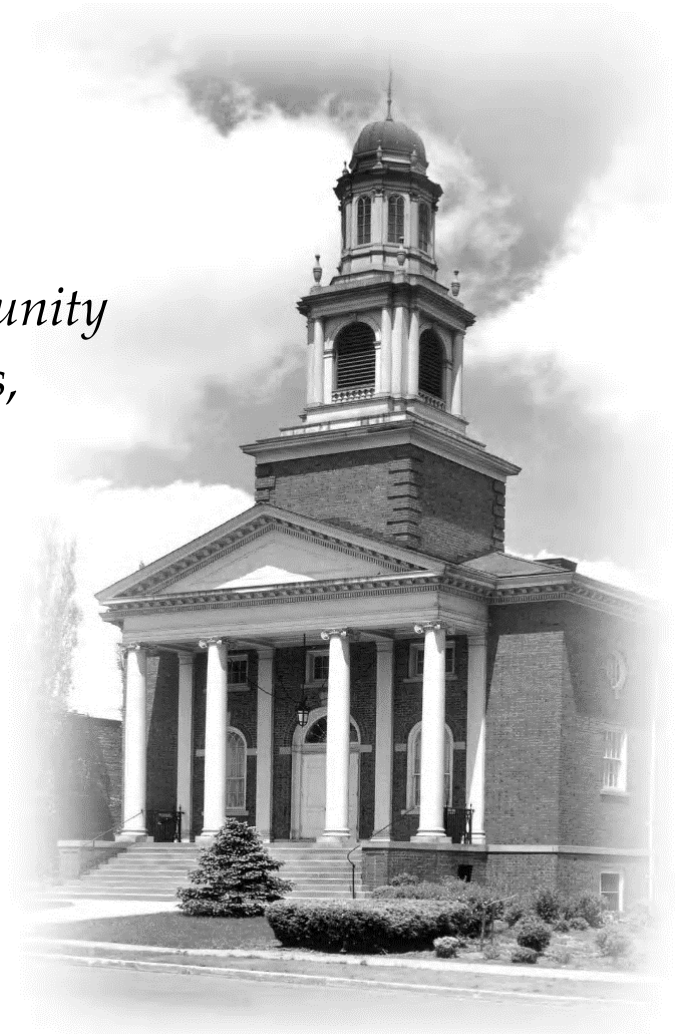
First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

APRIL 21, 2019

10:30 A.M.

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



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BELLSOUND

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Kay Peters

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

PRELUDE

“Enter His Gates with Praise” — Williamson

OPENING WORDS

“Welcome” — Rev. Amy McKenzie Quinn

* CHALICE LIGHTING

May this flame,
symbol of transformation since time began,
fire our curiosity,
strengthen our wills,
and sustain our courage
as we seek what is good within and around us.

* OPENING HYMN (#61 gray hymnal) “Lo, the Earth Awakes Again”

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kate Wiig

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.

HERITAGE MINUTE

Dave Richardson

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

Lisa Starbuck

Congregation and New Members: We pledge to walk together in 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“O Love” — Hagenberg

MEDITATION

“In Between” — Rev. Kate Walker

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

“Be Thou My Vision” — Wood

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of March is

Black and Pink

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

READINGS

“Ostara” — Suki Moyne

“Ready” — Rabbi Rachel Barenblat

“The Cookie Thief” — Valerie Cox

* HYMN (#344 gray hymnal) “A Promise through the Ages Rings”

SERMON

“Stories of Transformation” Rev. Michelle LaGrave

* CLOSING HYMN (#38 gray hymnal) “Morning Has Broken”

* EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

* BENEDICTION

— Rev. Eric Walker Wikstrom

POSTLUDE

“Cortege” — Young

Organist: Patricia Will

Sanctuary Singers

Director: William Miller

Accompanist: J Gawf

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