

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 the month of August is Siena/Francis House. Go to this website for more information: <http://www.sienafrancis.org/>. The Siena/ Francis House welcomes, shelters and empowers individuals experiencing homelessness to navigate their own path to safe and appropriate housing.

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

AUGUST 25, 2019

10:30 A.M.

What we call a beginning is often the end
and to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from. — T. S. Eliot



Giese Hall, site of the signing of the Articles of Organization of
First Unitarian Church of Omaha, on August 22, 1869.

(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)

Order of Service

August 25, 2019

10:30 A.M.

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE

“Canzonetta”

— Stearns

WELCOME

Dave Richardson

READING

“Omaha”

Carolyn McNamara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nadine Keith

* CHALICE LIGHTING (#449)

Christina Strong, LDRE

We hallow this time together
by kindling the lamp of our heritage.

— Albert Thelander

STORY FOR ALL AGES

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.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

Linda Parker

READING

“Statement of Belief”

BOND OF UNION

* HYMN (#290) (first two verses) “Bring O’ Past Your Honor”

WESTWARD MOVEMENT IN UNITARIANISM

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

“Andante Sostenuto”

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

WHO WERE THE SIGNERS OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION?

* HYMN (#121)

“We’ll Build a Land”

* READING (in unison)

“Seven Principles”

Rev. Michelle LaGrave

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association,
covenant to affirm and promote

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our
congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our
congregations and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

RECOMMITMENT

“We, the undersigned, celebrate the 150th anniversary of the
founding of The First Unitarian Church of Omaha. We honor
the commitment of our forebears to liberal religion.”

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

“Postlude on ‘Old Hundreth’”

— Bock

(During the recessional, the Minister, Board, and Task Force will
walk out carrying signed document, followed by the congregation.)

Today’s flowers are in loving memory of Barb Ross.

Organist: Patricia Will