**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

###### November 19, 2017

###### 10:30 A.M.

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

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**GATHERING**

 **BELLSOUND**

 **PRELUDE** “Creator of the Stars of Night” — McCabe

 **WELCOME**

 **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.

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** Nellie Chenowith

 **OFFERTORY** “Arietta” — Dello Joio

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

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

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

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

**REFLECTING**

 **THE PRACTICE OF MINDFULNESS**

 **CHORAL INTROIT** “Spirit of Life”— McDade

 **SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY**  Michael McAfee

 **Minister:** To speak one’s truth is a sacred act.

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

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

 **LESSON** — Jane Wagner

 **CHORAL ANTHEM** “For the Beauty of the Earth” —Rutter

 **SERMON** “Crazy Enough to Give Thanks” Rev. Frank Rivas

**AFFIRMING**

**\* CLOSING HYMN (#349)** “We Gather Together”

**\* BENEDICTION** — from Francis of Assisi

 **CHORAL BENEDICTION** “As We Leave This Friendly Place”

 **POSTLUDE “**Sing to the Land of Harvest**”** — Eliot

**Organist: Patricia Will**

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