

First Unitarian Church of Omaha



**ORDER OF WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 13, 2016
10:00 A.M.**

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Sara Shunkwiler & Chris Poynor

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassi Moucka

INTRODUCING THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Skip Ciulla

OFFERTORY

*The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of November is
Omaha Together One Community (OTOC)
Change for Change beneficiary is **Neighborhood Ministry**.*

REFLECTING

A MOMENT OF SILENCE concluded with a bellsound

MUSIC

ANTIPHONAL READING (#592)

—William Ellery Channing

MUSIC

SERMON

“Loss”

Rev. Frank Rivas

AFFIRMING

* HYMN (#159)

“This Is My Song”

* BENEDICTION

— adapted from Howard Thurman

POSTLUDE

Pianist: Stan Harper
Early Morning Risers

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

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. Frank Rivas, Minister (minister@firstuuomaha.org)

Rev. Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus

Jan Wilson, Director of Religious Education (dre@firstuuomaha.org)

Carrie Helmberger, Membership Coordinator (coordinator@firstuuomaha.org)

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Jenny Hastings, Nursery Coordinator

Patricia Will, Organist

William Miller, Choir Director

Elizabeth Kelly, Choir Accompanist

Stan Harper, Pianist

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Today

Flowers: Thank you to Beth Conover for providing today's chancel flowers.

Hospitality: Un-Holy Rollers Hospitality Team is serving you today. Our team serves on the second Sunday of odd months. You will recognize our team members by their green hospitality ribbons. Please let us know if you need anything or have questions.

Team Fair — After the Service — Common Room Visit our Team Fair during coffee hour to see our awesome volunteers and team members show off the many ways they minister. Maybe you'll find the perfect spot where you can fit in.

Heart & Hand Auction Update

Data entry is nearing completion, so donor summaries and buyer statements will likely arrive this coming week. To save trees and postage, only email will be used unless no email address is available. Thanks for your patience and support of the Auction!

12:00 p.m. — Bridge Group — Meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month in the Conference Room. **Today they will meet at noon, due to the team fair.** This Bridge Group is also a class. If you are a complete novice, join us to learn how to play this age-old game. It will boost your memory and your deductive reasoning skills. If you have played before, come for some entertainment and some time at the game table. We usually play for about two hours. Questions? Contact Scott at scott.kemper@gmail.com.

12:30 p.m. — OWL Class

7:00 p.m. — Arts & Crafts Night — 7:00 p.m. — Common Room Bring your project and supplies for some artistic fellowship! For details, contact Kate Godfrey at coachkate@cox.net or 402- 880-1327. In November, we meet on the 2nd Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 14 — Women's Alliance Meeting — 6:30 p.m. — Common Room

November 15 — Drop-In Meditation — 8:00 a.m. — Sanctuary

November 15 — Y.E.S. (Youth Emergency Services) Meal Prep — 8:00 a.m. — Kitchen

November 15 — Deadline for *The Flame* newsletter is noon.

November 15 — Examined Life Group — 7:00 p.m. — Merritt Lounge

Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. If you would like to join, contact Jack Heidel at jack-heidel@yahoo.com.

November 16 — Investment Group — 7:00 p.m. — Whitney Young Room

November 16 — Choir Rehearsal — 7:00 p.m.

November 16 — YRUU Youth Group Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

November 17 — Lunch with the Minister — 11:30 a.m. — Common Room

No RSVP required. Just bring your lunch.

November 17 — Women's Religious Studies Covenant Group — 1:00 p.m. — Merritt Lounge Elaine Wells will facilitate Chapter 11, "Happiness" in *Listening Hearts*. All self-identified women are welcome. We will also be discussing our next book. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Harriet Major at [402-391-0248](tel:402-391-0248) or hmajor323@cox.net.

For more events see: <http://www.firstuomaha.org/events>