

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

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.

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@firstuomaha.org)

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Patricia Will, Organist

William Miller, Choir Director

J. Gawf, Choir Accompanist

Stan Harper, Early Morning Riser Director

Robert Medrano, Custodian

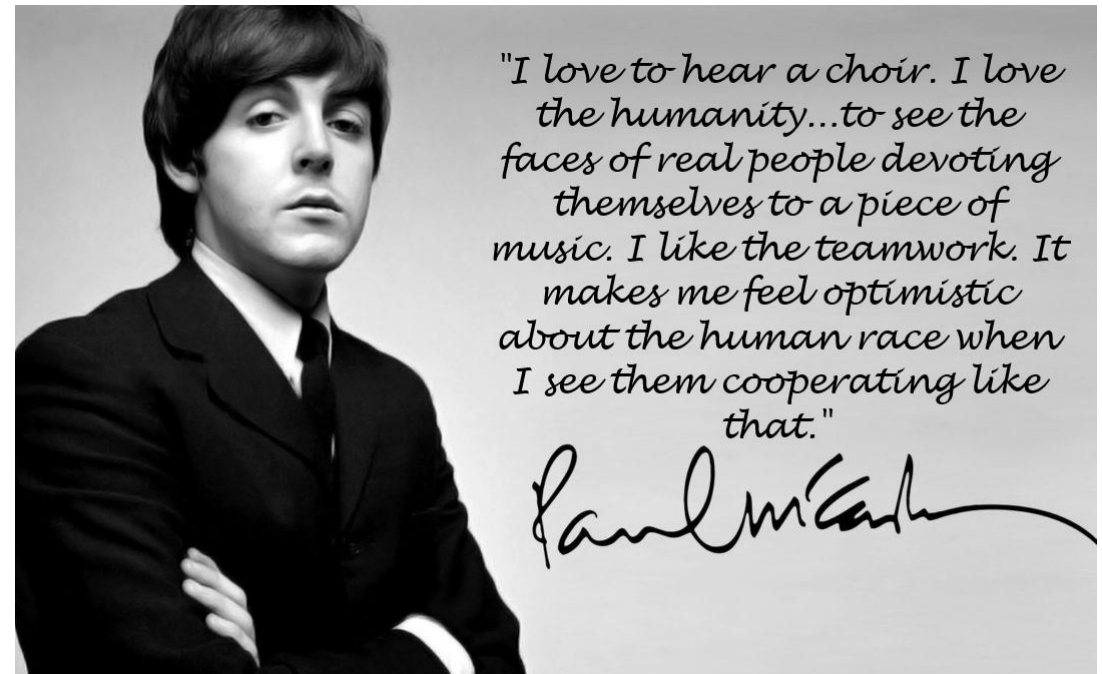
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 20, 2018

10:30 A.M.

ANNUAL CHOIR SERVICE



Order of Worship
May 20, 2018
10:30 AM

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Aria" — Peeters

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Denise Allain

CHOIR "With a Voice of Singing" — Martin Shaw

STORY FOR ALL AGES Kate Wiig

*** LIGHTING THE CHALICE**

Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent. Where words fail music speaks. — Victor Hugo

*** 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 Jenny Schima, Sarah Monahan,
Chynna Jedlicka, Colin McDonald

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.

READING "Boston Conservatory Welcome Address" — Karl Paulnack

CHOIR "Sure on This Shining Night" — Samuel Barber

*** RESPONSIVE READING**

Music connects us with the murmuring creek and the leaf-strumming wind.

Music restores the voices and sounds of composers long gone, and cultures far away.

Music can lift our spirits or stir a fire within us.

Music can acknowledge our sorrow and soothe our pain.

Music can unite us in spite of our differences.

When we blend our voices to share a song,

We open our hearts and bare our souls to connect with all that is holy.

OFFERTORY Pastorale on "Forest Green" — Purvis

READING "Out of the Stars" — Robert Weston

CHOIR "Choose Something Like a Star" — Randall Thompson/Robert Frost

"Stars I Shall Find" — Victor Johnson/Sara Teasdale

A WORD OF APPRECIATION Rev. Frank Rivas

RESPONSIVE READING "Why They Sing" (see insert)

CHOIR "I Will Sing" — Andy Beck

"Ask Me to Sing" — Words and Music by
Jay Althouse & Sally Albrecht

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHOIR** "As We Leave This Friendly Place" — J.S. Bach

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Faith of the Larger Liberty" — Balcombe

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

Organist: Patricia Will
Choir Director: William Miller
Choir Accompanist: J Gawf