

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

JANUARY 12, 2020

10:30 A.M.

Covenant of Right Relations

We, the congregation of First Unitarian Church of Omaha, covenant together:

To create a religious community where we can freely explore our values and foster diversity as a source of communal strength.

To build healthy relationships, seeking to understand each other and respect our differences.

To listen deeply and endeavor to communicate directly, honestly, and compassionately, particularly when we are in conflict.

To do our best to make amends when we have hurt each other, even unintentionally, to learn from our mistakes, to forgive, and to reconnect in a spirit of understanding and commitment.

Approved by the congregation May 2019

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 **Mind & Soul Radio, 101.3 FM** which is a community radio station broadcasting from the Malcolm X Foundation. It's been described as North Omaha's voice over the airwaves and "a place where ideas are discussed, and unapologetic solutions for social justice are found and disseminated."

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. Michelle LaGrave, Interim Minister (minister@firstuomaha.org)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Voss, Affiliated Community Minister

Rev. Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus

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Stan Harper, Early Morning Riser Director

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January 12, 2020

10:30 A.M.

BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "See You Through" — Randall Thornton

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS Machaela Player

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP from Rev. Robert Fulghum Rev. Keith Kron

* **OPENING HYMN (#1017 teal hymnal)** "We Are Building a New Way"

* CHALICE LIGHTING

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

STORY FOR ALL AGES "We Don't Eat Our Classmates" — Ryan Higgins

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go

RIGHT RELATIONS MINUTE Carol Cronin

MUSIC "The Violence" — McIlrath/ Principe/Barnes/ Blair

MEDITATION "Unclenching" — Rev. Keith Kron

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING

The Share the Plate beneficiary for the month of January is

Mind & Soul Radio, 101.3 FM.

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

READING from "Black is the Body" — Emily Bernard

* **HYMN (#159 gray hymnal)** "This is My Song"

SERMON "What a T-Rex named Penny, Pittsburgh — Rev. Keith Kron
and a Theologian Can Teach Us about
The Future of Religion and the Greatest Sin
of Our Time: Violence

* **CLOSING HYMN (#354 gray hymnal)** "We Laugh, We Cry"

* **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

* **BENEDICTION** — Keith Kron & Amy Feedman

POSTLUDE "See You Through" reprise — Randall Thornton

Thank you to Kay Lynn Goldner for today's flowers.

Early Morning Risers

Pianist: Skip Ciulla

EMR Director: Stan Harper

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(*Indicates congregation stands as they are able.)