



STANDING ON THE SIDE OF

LOVE

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*First Unitarian Church of Des Moines invites people into
a respectful, authentic, and joyful religious community that
nurtures meaningful connections, pursues justice, and inspires service.*

October 10 & 11, 2009



ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bruce Martin, pianist



“Oh that we realize the door to God’s kingdom is the one upon which visitors knock.”

—Ken Nye, American poet

Learning a Hymn #389 *Gathered Here*

Intoning the Chime

Call to Gather words of Barbara Hamilton-Holway

Chalice Lighting Leader: Life is a gift for which we are grateful.
People: *We gather in community to celebrate the glories and the mysteries of this great gift.*
Leader: So let us kindle now the flame of our liberal religious heritage.
People: *In its glow, may our reason and our passion lead us to be true to ourselves, true to each other, and true to what we can together become.*

***Hymn #121** *We’ll Build a Land*

Welcome

Pulpit Editorial Social Justice Fellowship/Empowerment Event

**Ricky Klein,
Ministerial Intern**

Tim Brown (Sun)

Carolyn Spencer

Social Justice Council

Doxology From all that dwell below the skies
(tune: Old Hundreth #371) let songs of hope and faith arise;
let peace, good will on earth be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

Sharing a Story (Sun.) *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox

Tracy Beck

Choral Response (Sun.) *O Sifuni Mungu* arr. by Roger Emerson

Combined Choirs

Singing the Children Out (Sun.) *Children’s Benediction* by B. Bradfield
(words by Barbara Pescan) “Go in joy. Go in peace to meet the day. With open hearts embrace life’s wonder. We will guide you. We will love you on your way.”

Joys & Concerns

Caring Ministry Minute

**Barb Martin (Sat);
Linda Appelgate
(Sun-9:00 a.m.)
Pat Larson (10:30)**

Meditation

Spoken

including words of Erik Walker Wikstrom

Silence

Sung Response #86

Blessed Spirit of My Life

Ricky Klein

Readings

“Mattering” from the UUA curriculum
Building the World We Dream About
The words of UU minister Mark Belletini

**(Sat) Ann Mowery
(Sun) Judith Linden**

Recorded Music Meditation (Sat)

Special Music (Sun)

Instrument of Peace by Greg Gilpin

Combined Choirs

Sermon

“Which Side Are You On?”

Rev. Mark Stringer

*Hymn #131

Love Will Guide Us

Sharing Our Abundance

The offering collected today will benefit
UUA Association Sunday

*Closing Words

The words of Thandeka

*Extinguishing the Flame

Leader: I extinguish the symbolic flame of this gathering. May we carry its light into the world.
People: *Let us go from this place, open to life, expecting to love, and prepared to serve.*

*Closing in Song

Reprise of #121 *We’ll Build a Land*
(verse 1 only)

***Please stand as you are able.**

Thank You To All Service Participants And Today's Hospitality Team:

Hospitality Teams: 9:00 a.m. Team Leaders: Eileen Bowerman/Jill Moser, Ron Bowerman, Lois & Bill Leonard, Jane & Terry Swanson, Jean & Roger Evans, Bob Baker, Charlotte Shivvers, Lee Lynde, Pam Nelson Grotrian, Max Knauer
10:30 a.m. Team Leader: Sydney Royal, Sara Karbeling, Adam Kurth, Nicole Nayima, John Audlehelm, Brad Leu, Becky Evans, Tigon & Ben Woline, Vicki & Nate Hoogeveen

The combined choirs of the Ames UU Fellowship and First Unitarian Church are directed by Cynthia Marten and **Moira Leu**. This is Cynthia's third year directing the Ames choir. The choir is accompanied by Julian Thies on bass and Dallas Thies on drum. The combined choirs shared this music with the Ames Fellowship last weekend.

Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) is restoring hope, building futures and changing lives. *Passageway* provides a place where individuals with mental illness can find personal support and have employment opportunities and training.

Next Week's Service:

"Standing in a River of Love" with Rev. Stringer

Saturday, October 17, 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 18, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Now that nearly six months have passed since same-gender couples have been granted the right to be married in Iowa, a reflection from your minister on what he has experienced and learned by being a participant at more than two dozen of these ceremonies of love and commitment. A service collaboration with Interweave, our congregation's organization of GLBT members and their allies, who gather to work on GLBT issues, provide social activities and promote the church to the larger GLBT community.

