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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.*

**February 13 & 14, 2010**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, February 13, 2010, 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 14, 2010, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*Bruce Martin, pianist*



“The game has luck, no doubt about it. It is up to the individual player to figure out how best to minimize the bad and maximize the good.”

—*Brian Cappelletto, former World Scrabble Champion and American National Scrabble Champion*

**Learning Hymn #1029** *Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear*

### Intoning the Chime

#### Call to Gather

**Rev. Mark Stringer**

**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.*

**Adele Villemez & Adelia Brown**

**\*Hymn #1029** *Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear*

#### Welcome

**Bill Allen**

**Pulpit Editorial** “Standing on the Side of Love”

**Human Rights Action Group**

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

**(Sun) Story for All Ages** *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni

**Adelia Brown**

**(Sun) Singing the Children To Classes**  
*Children’s Benediction* by B. Bradfield  
“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.”  
*(words by Barbara Pescan)*

### Joys and Concerns

### Sharing our Abundance

#### Meditation

#### Spoken

#### Silence

Including the words of Stephen Shick

#### Sung Response #90

*From All the Fret and Fever of the Day*

#### Readings

from *Finite and Infinite Games* by James P. Carse  
“Broken, Unbroken” by Mary Oliver

*(Sat)* **Bill Allen**  
*(Sun)* **Charles Carnes**

#### Special Music

*(What’s So Funny ‘Bout) Peace, Love, and Understanding* by Nick Lowe

**CW Smith, Doug Hoffman, John Morrow, and Kirk Martin**

#### Sermon

“Minding our Zs and Qs”

**Rev. Stringer**

#### \*Hymn 298

*Wake, Now, my Senses*

#### \*Closing Words

From Theodore Parker, Unitarian minister, abolitionist and reformer (1810-1860)

#### \*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

*Hymn of Valor* (inside back cover of Hymnal)

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

***Thank You to all Service Participants and Today's Hospitality Team***

**Saturday: 4:30 p.m.** Barbara Royal and Deidre Fudge

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Team Leader: Eileen Bowerman/Jill Moser**

Ron Bowerman, Lois Leonard, Bill Leonard, Jane Swanson, Terry Swanson, Jean Evans, Roger Evans, Bob Baker, Charlotte Shivers, Lee Lynde, Pam Nelson Grotrian, Max Knauer, Kitty Knauer

**11:00 a.m. Team Leader: Sydney Royal**

Sara Karbeling, Adam Kurth, Nicole Nayima, John Audlehelm, Brad Leu, Becky Evans, Tigon Woline, Ben Woline, Nate Hoogeveen/Vicki Hoogeveen, Stephanie Deutsch

***Next Week's Services:***

***"To Love and to All Friends" with Rev. Mark Stringer and Ricky Klein***

*Saturday, February 20, 4:30 p.m. , Auditorium*

*Sunday, February 21, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Auditorium*

An intergenerational service of story and song exploring the challenges and blessings of relationships in general, and friendship in particular. Meaningful fun for all ages.

**Second Basket**

Your generous Second Basket contribution will be divided between *Children & Families of Iowa* and *Passageway*.

*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.