

**“WORDS THAT
BEGIN WITH
“COM”**

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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 7, 2010



ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, February 7, 2010, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Bruce Martin, pianist



Over the doorway, painted bold, a question begs your pardon:

“Is this a place of many souls, or just one very large one?”

Over the bar another reads:

“Are there many songs? Or just one that goes on and on?”

—Peter Mayer, “Molly O’Malley’s”, from *Straw House Down*

Intoning the Chime

Call to Gather words of Amy McKenzie Quinn

Rev. Myron Andes

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 #360** *Here We Have Gathered*

Welcome

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.

Sharing a Story *Commitment in a City* by Margaret Tsuda

Keenan Wieck

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

Variations on a Theme by Rilke by Denise Levertov

Rev. Myron Andes

Silent

Sung Response #1002

Comfort Me

Readings

from “Men and Women in Search of Common Ground” in *Home Economics*, by Wendell Barry

“Within you is the Soul of the Whole” by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Special Music

O Star of Truth written by Jason Shelton and performed by Vocal Ensemble

Barb Martin, Karen Kraemer, Deidre Fudge, Jane Rider, Anne Rozeboom, Andrew Curl, Bruce Martin, Brad Leu, and John Nielsen

Sermon

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*Hymn 123

Spirit of Life

*Closing Words

words of John C. Morgan

*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

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Team Leader: Xenda Lindel

Adele Villemez, Pam Brennan, Ryan Beck, Margaret Karbeling, Greg Nichols, Dawn Connett, Jim Pattison, Heather Schebel, Nicole Keller

11:00 a.m. Team Leader: Susan Seitz

Mike Smith, Judy Lonning, Laura Luchsinger, Jon Royal, Linda Lovell, Martha Stephenson, Steve Stephenson, Anne Rozeboom/John Morrow, Melissa Linebaugh, Phyllis Briley

Next Week's Services:

"Minding our Zs and Qs" with Rev. Mark Stringer

Saturday, February 13, 4:30 p.m., Auditorium

Sunday, February 14, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Auditorium

On this UUA Standing on the Side of Love weekend, Mark will consider the game of Scrabble as a springboard for a reflection on privilege, competition, and cooperation.

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.

O Star of Truth

O star of truth down shining through the clouds of doubt and fear,
I ask beneath thy guidance my pathway may appear:
however long the journey, however hard it be,
though I be alone and weary, lead on, I follow thee.

I know thy blessed radiance can never lead astray,
though ancient greed and custom may point another way;
or through the untrod desert, or over trackless sea,
though I be alone and weary, lead on, I follow thee.