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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.*

**January 30 & 31, 2010**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, January 30, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 31, 2010, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Bruce Martin, pianist*



“Look at the trees, look at the birds, look at the clouds, look at the stars... and if you have eyes you will be able to see that the whole existence is joyful.” — *Osho*

### Intoning the Chime

#### Call to Gather

#### 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 #1064** *Blue Boat Home*

#### Welcome

**Doxology** (tune: Old Hundreth #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) **Sharing a Story**

“Winter Songs” from the book *Winter Eyes*  
by Douglas Florian

(Sun) **Singing the Children To Classes**

*(words by Barbara Pescan)*

*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.”

**Ricky Klein,  
Ministerial Intern**

**Cat Morris**

**Ellery McAlister**

### Joys and Concerns

### Sharing our Abundance

#### Meditation

#### Spoken

#### Silent

#### Sung Response #1052

*The Oneness of Everything*

#### Reading

“There is Eternity Within Us”  
from Our Jewish Community

(Sat) **Cat Morris**  
(Sun) **Dan Troxell**

“Earth, Humans, and Rain”  
from the Jewish Wisdom Tradition

#### Special Music

*The Gift of You*  
written by Than Cheshier

**Than Cheshier**

#### Sermon

“Happy Tu Bishvat”

**Ricky Klein,  
Ministerial Intern**

#### \*Hymn 1065

*Alabanza (As the Rain is Falling)*  
First verse in Spanish then First and  
Second Verse in English

#### \*Closing Words

#### \*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:** Pat Larson and Jane Smaardyk

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Team Leader: Julie Brown,** Phyllis Swink, Caesar Smith, Jeff Chungath, Louise Alcorn, Sara Harwood, Kathie Karpinen, Jeanne Cinnamon, Bobbie Hoch, Jennifer Kurth, Stacy McVey, Jennifer Senne, Keri Touchatt

**11:00 a.m. Team Leader: Kathie Dawley,** Mark Metz, Larry Bredeson, Liz Bredeson, Janet Hiatt, Mike Hiatt, Seana Perkins, Bobbie Amos, Diane Shelby Churchill, David Churchill, Natalie Hutchinson, John Hutchinson

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

**Happy Tu Bishvat! with Ricky Klein, Ministerial Intern**

*Saturday, February 6, 4:30 p.m., Auditorium*

**"Another Knight Alone" with Ricky Klein, Ministerial Intern**

*Saturday, February 6, 4:30 p.m., Auditorium*

A look at the Melancholy Dane, Søren Kierkegaard, to see what we can learn from people with whom we almost completely disagree.

**"Words That Begin with 'COM'" with guest minister, the Rev. Myron Andes**

*Sunday, February 7, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Auditorium*

Community, communication and comfort: three words that just might be among the most significant for each of our lives, and for our life together. Our guest minister, the Rev. Myron Andes, currently serves the UU Church of Canton, NY as Interim Minister. He previously provided interim ministry in the Sugarloaf Congregation of UUs in Germantown, MD and the UU Church of Evansville, IN.

**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.

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