

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF DES MOINES
Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly. Love radically.

Sounding the Rin Gong

Prelude

Welcome

Chalice Lighting

Gathering Song

The Road Home by Stephen Paulus,
performed by Voces8

Meditation and sung response

Comfort me (3x) ... O my soul
Sing with me (3x) ... O my soul

Offering Words and Offertory

Waltz, Op. 36, No. 3 by Amy Marcy Beach

First Reading

Waiting by Raymond Carver

Musical Interlude

Serenade No. 1 for Clarinet Trio, K. 349b
by W.A. Mozart

Second Reading

The Lord's Prayer (extended dance mix)
by Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

Sermon

The Road Home

*Closing Song

Earth and All Stars

Handout

*Benediction

*Postlude

Be Ours A Religion

*Extinguishing the Chalice

Be Ours A Religion

Be ours a religion

which, like sunshine, goes everywhere:

its temple, all space

its shrine the good heart

its creed all truth

its ritual works of love.

-Theodore Parker and Thomas Benjamin

Gratitude for Today's Participants

Worship Leader:

Elliott Nassif

Celebrant:

Bill Brauch

Piano:

Bruce Martin

Song Leader:

Kellie Patterson

Special Music:

Julie Murphy,

Elliott Nassif, Karen Kraemer

A/V volunteer:

Rob Malcomson

Pastoral Care:

Amanda Kruse

Hospitality Coordinator:

Terry Meek

WELCOME!

We are glad you're here.

To learn more about our congregation,
please speak with any of today's service
participants, our Greeters, or our Minister,
or find us online at www.ucdsm.org

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Coordinator of Faith Formation and Membership

**Please rise in body or spirit*

W E L C O M E !

Accessibility at First Unitarian

- **Assistive Listening Devices, full-page magnifiers, large-print hymnals and hymnals in Braille:** These are available just inside the Auditorium doors, on the shelves in your left.
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- **Push Button Electric Entrance/Exit Door:** Main floor, south and west sides of the building
- **Lift to all building levels:** Main floor on the east side of the coatroom.

TODAY'S FORUM 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in Griffin Hall!

The Road Home: Discussion with Elliott Nassif

Please join us 30 minutes after our Sunday Service for a follow-up discussion on Elliott's sermon *The Road Home*. Come meet new people and share and hear reflections on the service. We will provide you with three discussion questions at the forum and then create small groups for attendees to share their thoughts. Zoom attendees will be invited to join their own breakout room for a discussion.

TODAY'S OFFERING

Every week, half of our offering goes to support our Faith in Action partners in the wider community. This year's partners are **Hawthorn Hill, helping unhoused families obtain permanent homes, and Let's Talk, collaborating with the Des Moines public schools to help young people resolve conflict peacefully.**



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