

Inviting the Bell

Martha Sherick Shen

*Hymn #18

What Wondrous Love

Heidi Levine
song leader

Welcome

Chalice Lighting

Love is the center and foundation of this faith. Love is the power that holds us together as a community. Let fall away all that might distract us from the whole-hearted practice of deeply loving and understanding how loved we are.

Responsive Invocation #637

Sung Invocation (tune from #159)

May truth and freedom come to every nation; -- May peace abound where strife has raged so long; -- That each may seek to love and build together, -- A world united, righting every wrong; -- A world united in its love for freedom, -- proclaiming peace together in one song.

Story

Muddy Children: Hosea Ballou

Birch Spick

Janeen Grohsmeyer

Dir. of Faith Formation

Children's Benediction

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.

Our Congregation

Adrian Stamper

Music

Wondrous Love
Raney & Sherman

Bell Ave. Ringers
Chrissy Williams, flute

Joys and Sorrows

Laura Berardi

Meditation

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1031 *Filled with Loving Kindness*

Reflection

Martha Sherick Shen

Offering Words and Offertory

Sermon/Readings, pt 1

Rev. Meredith Garmon

Interlude

Sermon/Reading, pt 2

*Hymn #95 *There Is More Love Somewhere*

*Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish our chalice, but not our connection, our concerns, or our care for each other. Love be our guide, going forward and always.

*Spoken Benediction

*Sung Benediction #1058 *Be Ours a Religion*

Forum Today

Begins 30 minutes after end of service

Challenging Extremism in Iowa

Whether it's opposing the extreme legislation at the Iowa statehouse or collaborating with partner organizations to create a more welcoming state, Interfaith Alliance of Iowa has been empowering the progressive voice and protecting Iowans' rights for nearly three decades. Connie Ryan, Executive Director, will discuss the work of the organization, its current projects including fighting against Christian nationalism, and what's happening in the Iowa Legislature.

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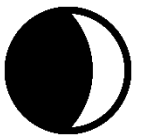
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- **Push Button Electric Entrance/Exit Door:** Main floor, south and west sides of the building
- **Lift to all building levels:** Main floor on the east side of the coatroom.

Welcome
to the
**First Unitarian Church
of Des Moines**

Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly. Love radically.



"Love and Ethics"
Rev. Meredith Garmon
2024 Apr 14 ~ 9:30-10:45
4th Sunday of Spring



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