

Call to Worship

Passing the Peace

Shalom Aleichem.

Aleichem shalom.

***Hymn #298** *Wake, Now, My Senses (v.1-3, 5)*

Welcome

Chalice Lighting

Julianne Lepp

We seek our place in the world

and the answers to our hearts' deep questions.

As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers.

May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community
of warmth, of wisdom, and welcoming of multiple truths.

Covenant *Our Bond of Union*

Responsive Invocation #428

Sung Invocation #318 *We Would Be One, v.2 only*

Story *A Little Spot of Empathy*
by Diane Alber

Children's Benediction

Spotlight Faith in Action - Freestore Group

Music *Love's in Need of Love* Sarah Chang
Stevie Wonder

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1009 *Meditation on Breathing*

Celebrant Reflection Louise Alcorn

Offertory

Sermon

Hymn #299 *Make Channels for the Streams of Love*

*Extinguishing the Chalice

As our chalice flame is extinguished, its glow is carried within us,
helping us to kindle new sparks throughout our lives and in the world.
May the spirit of peace and togetherness bless us all.

*Spoken Benediction

***Sung Benediction #363** *Alleluia! Sang Stars*

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Minister	Steve Sieck
Celebrant	Louise Alcorn
Song Leader	Barbara Martin
Storytellers	Ollie S. & Penny G.
Pianist	Bruce Martin
Musician	Sarah Chang
Pastoral Care Associate	Jim Carty
Hospitality Team Lead	Elaine Imlau
AV Tech	Rob Malcomson

Today's Forum

Steve Sieck

*Come meet Steve Sieck for a Q&A session! Get to know our
candidate for minister!*

ONLINE GIVING. Support various programs with online donations! Scan the QR code and select a fund:

- **Your Pledge**
- **Basket Donation**
- **Faith in Action Partners** (donations split evenly among partners)
- **And more!**



FAITH IN ACTION. Our 2024-25 Faith in Action Partners are **Al Exito!** and the **Young Women's Resource Center**. You can now give to these groups through our online giving or by using the envelopes located in the auditorium. All donations will be split evenly between the two organizations.

CONNECTION CIRCLES. Connection Circles are a way of connecting with one another in deep and meaningful ways. Groups of 8-10 people gather once a month to engage with a different spiritual theme through reflection, practice, deep listening, and open-hearted sharing. Scan to sign up.



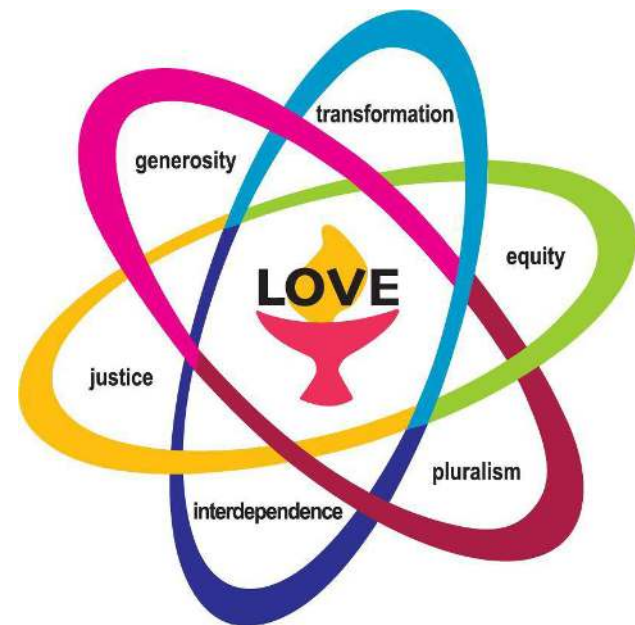
ACCESSIBILITY:

- **Assistive Listening Devices, full-page magnifiers, large-print hymnals and hymnals in Braille:** These are available just inside the Auditorium doors, on the shelves to your left.
- **Disability parking and accessible entrances:** Parking is available outside the west doors just past the drop-off lane in the right lane, or in the lot just south of the church on Casady Drive.

Lift to all building levels: Main floor on the east side of the coat room.

Welcome to the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.



2025 April 27 ~ 9:30-10:45
6th Sunday of Spring
"Unexpected Joy"



Waning Crescent