

Call to Worship

Passing the Peace

La paz esté con ustedes.

Y con tu espíritu.

***Hymn #318** *We Would Be One*

Welcome

Chalice Lighting

Lisa Garcia-Sampson

In these wild, historic, and uncertain times,
we gather to remember who we are,
who we belong to, and what we are called to do.

As we light this chalice, we kindle the spirit of the great turning:
the movement for justice alive in this nation today.

May we feel it in our bones,
and in the stillness of this hour, may we sense it calling our
name.

Covenant *from the UUA Bylaws*

Responsive Invocation #436

Sung Invocation #131 *Love Will Guide Us (v.1)*

Story

The Curious Garden
by Peter Brown

Music

Come to the Music
UU Singers

Joseph Martin

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1031 *Filled with Loving Kindness (v.3)*

Readings

"Even a fist was once an open palm"

Diane Ford

"Where do we go from here?"

Yehudi Amichai

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Offertory

Sermon

Hymn #95 *There is More Love Somewhere*

*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 *Hymn of Valor*

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Minister:	Steve Sieck
Celebrant:	Diane Ford
Storyteller:	Faithyna Leonard
Song Leader:	Sarah Chang
Pianist:	Bruce Martin
Choir Director:	Karen Kraemer
Pastoral Care Associate:	Ana Davis Evans
Hospitality Team Lead:	Ellen Taylor
AV Tech:	Bill Paxson

Today's Forum

Please join us in the Auditorium for a Congregational
vote on calling Steve Sieck!

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 **AI 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.



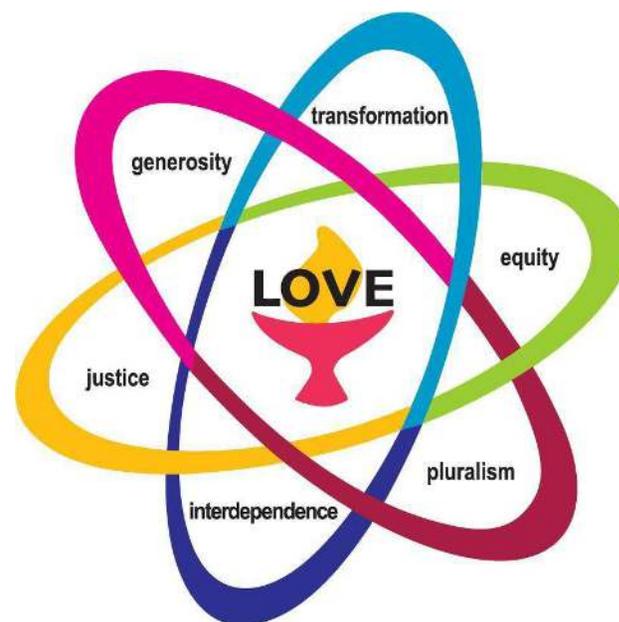
ACCESSIBILITY:

- **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 May 4 ~ 9:30-10:45
7th Sunday of Spring
“Bone-Deep Hope”



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