

Prelude		Bruce Martin
Inviting the Bell		
Passing the Peace	Eileen Jackson & Ollie Stamper	
Do it for the plot/Bet		
Welcome		Ollie Stamper
Chalice Lighting (Responsive Reading)		
Life is a gift for which we are grateful.		
<i>We gather in community to celebrate the glory and mystery of this great gift.</i>		
Let us kindle now the flame of our liberal religious heritage.		
<i>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.</i>		
*Hymn #363 Alleluia! Sang Stars		
Introduction of Coming of Age		Sally Boeckholt
Story	<i>A Different Way to Be!</i>	Simon Forman
Spotlight		Doug Aupperle
UU History		
Music	<i>In Beauty</i> UU Singers	D. Donnelly
Joys and Sorrows		Ellen Taylor
Moment of Silence		
Sung Response #1002 Comfort Me		
Offering Words and Offertory		Greta Hayes

Youth Faith Statements:

Greta Hayes
Penny Guenther
Oliver Stamper
Simon Forman

Presentation of Gifts Faithyna Leonard

***Hymn #1064 Blue Boat Home**

***Extinguishing the Chalice**

We extinguish now the flame of this religious community. Let us carry its light into the world.

Let us go from this place open to life, expecting to love, and prepared to serve.

***Spoken Benediction** Greta Hayes

***Sung Benediction Hymn of Valor (COA Style)**

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Pianist:	Bruce Martin
Choir Director:	Karen Kraemer
Pastoral Care Associate:	Ellen Taylor
Hospitality Team Lead:	Jane Swanson
AV Tech:	Rob Malcomson

Today's Forum

Please join the Board of Trustees to review the packet for the Annual Meeting which will be held June 1, 2025. Discussion will include the two resolutions presented to the congregation, the 25-26 budget, and we'll also hear from our Faith in Action partner nominees. This is your opportunity to ask questions ahead of the Annual Meeting so that we can make our meeting as efficient as possible!

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.

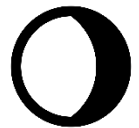
Lift to all building levels: Main floor on the east side of the coat room.

Welcome to the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.



2025 May 18 ~ 9:30-10:45
8th Sunday of Spring
Coming of Age



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