

Inviting the Bell

Passing the Peace

Amani iwe kwenu.

Na pia na wewe.

Hymn #95 “There Is More Love Somewhere”

Welcome

Chalice Lighting

*We light this chalice in the spirit of truth, of justice, and of love.
May it be a beacon that guides us to greater awareness, deeper
compassion, and collective courage.*

Covenant – from the UUA Bylaws

Responsive Invocation #576

Sung Invocation #1013 “Open My Heart”

Story Our Diversity Makes Us Stronger
by Elizabeth Cole

UU History_{video} Ch. 23: The Reformation in Italy

Special Music: “Meditation”
by Jeffrey Agreil

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1021 “Lean on Me”

Training in Compassion: Trust in Yourself

Offertory “The P Duet”
by Klaus Wallendorf

Sermon Faithyna Leonard

Interlude

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Hymn #131 “Love Will Guide UU”

*Extinguishing the Chalice

*We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, not the warmth
of community, not the fire of commitment. These we carry in our
hearts until we are together again.*

*Spoken Benediction

*Sung Benediction #1031 “Filled with Loving Kindness”

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Minister:	Rev. Meredith Garmon
Speaker:	Faithyna Leonard
Celebrant:	Barbara Martin
Storyteller	Faithyna Leonard and Barbara Martin
Song Leader:	Sarah Guenther
Special Music:	Nick Westphal, French horn Megan Westphal, French horn
Pastoral Care Associate	Laura Berardi
Hospitality Team Lead	Ellen Taylor
AV Tech	Kent Ohms

Today’s Forum

30 minutes after service ends

Join us for a powerful forum inspired by an extension of Faithyna’s sermon on bystander intervention. Together, we’ll explore how unconscious bias shapes our responses and learn practical ways to become active bystanders in the face of discrimination.

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 2025-26 Faith in Action Partners are the **YMCA Supportive Housing Campus** and **Refugee and Immigrant Voices in Action**. 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.

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.

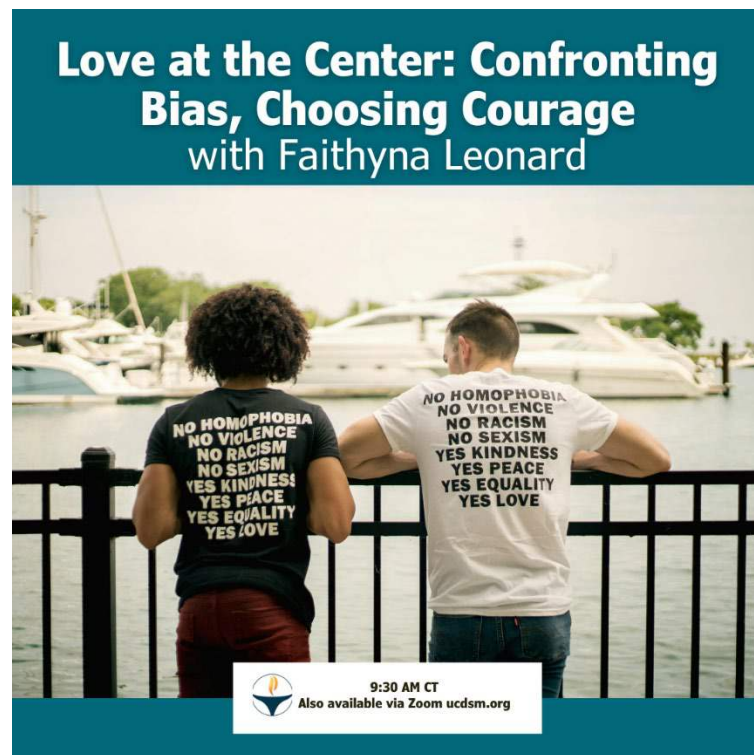
Lift to all building levels: Main floor on the east side of the coat room.

Welcome

to the

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.



2025 July 6 ~ 9:30-10:30
3rd Sunday of Summer



Waxing Gibbous