

Inviting the Bell

Chalice Lighting

by Albert Schweitzer

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person.

Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lit the flame within us.

***Passing the Peace** “Peace be with you”

***Hymn #323** "Break Not the Circle" (verses 1-2)

Welcome

Covenant

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines Bond of Union

We covenant to associate ourselves together for the study and practice of morality and religion, as interpreted by the growing thought and noblest lives of humanity, hoping thereby to prove helpful one to another and to promote truth, righteousness and love in the world.

***Hymn #128** “For All that is our Lives” (verses 1-2)

Story

Lila and the Three Worlds of Gratitude

by Faithyna Leonard

Children’s Benediction

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #402 “From You I Receive”

Offering

Reflection

Elijah Evans

Music “Calypso on *Sing to the Harvest*” Bell Ave Ringers
By T. Waldrop

Sermon

“In a World...”

Rev. Steve

***Hymn #134** “Our World is One World”

*Extinguishing the Chalice

by Charles A. Howe

*May we go forth from this place thankful
for the life that sustains and renews us,
and open to the grace that surrounds and surprises us.
May we go forth from this place with openness and with
thanksgiving.*

*Spoken Benediction

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

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Minister	Rev. Steve Sieck
Celebrant:	Elijah Evans
Storyteller:	Faithyna Leonard
Song Leader:	Barbara Martin
Musicians:	Bruce Martin, pianist; Bell Ave Ringers, Karen Kraemer
Pastoral Care Associate:	Ana Davis Evans
AV Tech:	Oge Nnadi
Hospitality Team Lead:	Becky Evans

TODAY'S FORUM

Homelessness in Polk County: Elizabeth Talbert from Drake University will talk about her work linking stories of people experiencing homelessness to policy through the "Unsheltered Des Moines" study. She will discuss the importance of humanizing and demystifying the experiences our Des Moines neighbors have with homelessness and reflect on some of the stories we tell ourselves about why people are homeless and how they measure up to what we find in research.

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)
- **Endowment**
- **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.

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 November 16 ~ 9:30-10:45
8th Sunday of Fall



Waning Crescent