

Inviting the Bell

Chalice Lighting by Pat Uribe-Lichty
*The chalice we light today is a symbol of our faith.
It binds us together as one people:
a reminder that our strength is in our shared hope for the
world, and that our common work is the creation of Beloved
Community among ourselves and in the world.*

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

***Hymn #108** “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

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 #168 “One More Step”

Story “Stacey Speaks Up”
by Stacey Abrams

Children’s Benediction

Spotlight Faith Formation Faithyna Leonard

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

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

Offering

Reading “Resisting Fear, Hatred and Despair”
by Martha Shen

Music “Now I’m Found” UU Singers
arr. Tim Osiek

Reflection on Resistance Mike Smith

Poem “Moving Forward in Love”
by Faithyna Leonard

***Hymn #118** “This Little Light of Mine”

***Extinguishing the Chalice** by Robin F. Gray
*The flame is extinguished, but not our hope for the future, our
courage in the face of crisis, or the love we share in all the
world.*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Sung Benediction #1058** "Be Ours a Religion"

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Service Leaders:	Your First U Celebrant Team
Celebrants:	Louise Alcorn and Elizabeth Williams
Storyteller:	Faithyna Leonard
Song Leader:	Andy Curl
Musicians:	Bruce Martin, UU Singers, Karen Kraemer
Pastoral Care Associate:	Laura Berardi
AV Tech:	Kent Ohms
Hospitality Team Lead:	Jane Swanson

TODAY'S FORUM:

What should the financial priorities be in the upcoming church budget?

Join the board in a discussion of the "must do" items in our budget and our aspirations if we gather enough in pledges to go beyond them.

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

- **Your Pledge**
- **Basket Donation**
- **Faith in Action 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 coatroom.

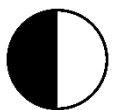
Welcome

to the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.



2026 January 25 ~ 9:30-10:45
6th Sunday of Winter



First Quarter