

Inviting the Bell

Chalice Lighting

by Rev. Scott Taylor
*We gather knowing that our light can't reconstitute itself.
Without each other a coldness sits in. Leaning on each other,
trusting each other, helping each other fall back in love with
life over and over again—only from this does the flame
emerge. Today, may it rise again.*

*Passing the Peace "Peace be with you"

*Hymn #323 "Break Not the Circle"

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 #397 "Morning Has Come" (2ce)

Story "The Backpack That Got Lighter"
by Faithyna Leonard

Children's Benediction

Spotlight D2D Team

Spotlight Immigration and Justice Team

Stewardship Testimonial Crystal Loving

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1002 "Comfort Me"

Offering "Promenade"
by Robert Clerisse

Reading

Reflection Mike Smith

Music "Romanza"
by Francic Poulenc

Reflection Barb Royal

*Hymn #324 "Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads"

***Extinguishing the Chalice** by Rev. Linda Barnes
*May you embrace your growing with compassion.
May courage be yours as you answer your heart's calling.
May beauty and wonder be yours even when the going gets
rough. And may love always be at your center.*

*Spoken Benediction

*Sung Benediction #1058 "Be Ours a Religion"

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Service Leaders: Louise Alcorn, Barbara Martin
Storyteller: Faithyna Leonard
Song Leader: Kellie Patterson
Musicians: Bruce Martin, Julie Murphy on the Clarinet
Pastoral Care Associate: Ellen Taylor
AV Tech: Oge Nnadi
Hospitality Team Lead: Natalie Mason & Sarah Letourneau

TODAY'S FORUM: Greater DSM Civil Rights Tour

Did you know that the Supreme Court of Iowa in 1868 ruled that public school segregation was unconstitutional, 86 years before Brown versus Board of Education? Come learn more about this and the many sites (18 in all) that comprise Catch DM Greater Des Moines Civil Rights Tour. Russ Lovell, primary researcher and writer of the website (and good friend of First Unitarian) will take you on the visual tour, highlighting and expanding on a few sites with particularly interesting and often surprising histories that occurred right here in Des Moines and Iowa. Of course, the Edna Griffin Building and Bridge will be noted! There will be time for questions and comments."

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 coatroom.

Welcome

to the

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.

With Age Comes Wisdom?

with Barb Royal & Mike Smith



2026 February 15 ~ 9:30-10:45
9th Sunday of Winter



Waning Crescent