

Opening Words by Marianne Hachten Cotter

Chalice Lighting by Rev. Michelle Collins

*We light this flame for what is not yet known.
For the questions that stretch us,
the hopes that whisper, and
the courage that flickers on uncertain days.
We kindle this flame for beginnings that are only just
becoming.*

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

***Hymn #188** “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Welcome

Covenant First Unitarian Church of Des Moines Bond of Union

Hymn #391 “Voice Still and Small”

Spotlight Faith Formation Supplies Drive Anne Sieck

Story “Big Bear Was Not the Same” Anne Sieck
by Joanna Rowland

Children’s Benediction

Meditation by Audette Fulbright Fulson

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1002 “Comfort Me”

Offering “Le petit americain” Nick & Meghan Westphal

Reflection Sue Bridgford

Music “Duet no. 2” Nick & Meghan Westphal
by Otto Nicolai

Sermon “The Risks of Possibility” Rev. Steve

***Hymn #1053** “How Could Anyone”

***Extinguishing the Chalice** by Rev. Tandi Rogers
*May possibility take root where certainty once stood.
May curiosity lead the way.
May you loosen your grip, open your hands,
and find that something unexpected is already unfolding.*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Sung Benediction #124** “Be That Guide” verse 1

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Service Leader:	Rev. Steve Sieck
Celebrant	Sue Bridgford
Song Leader:	Barbara Martin
Storyteller	Anne Sieck
Musicians:	Bob Sobiech, pianist; Nick and Meghan Westphal, horns
Pastoral Care Associate:	Laura Berardi
AV Tech:	Gianfranco Berardi
Hospitality Team Lead:	Lynne and Kerry George

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to the
**First Unitarian Church
of Des Moines**

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.

TODAY'S FORUM: QTAG

Join us at 11:00-12:30 for the powerful and thought-provoking presentation by UU minister, Rev. Leslie Takahashi, entitled "Truth, Trauma, & Transformation: Embracing the Cracks & the Gold", exploring the importance of trauma-informed understanding in how we create community. We'll also discuss important questions about how we can begin to better engage trauma-informed thinking and practices in our own congregation, too.

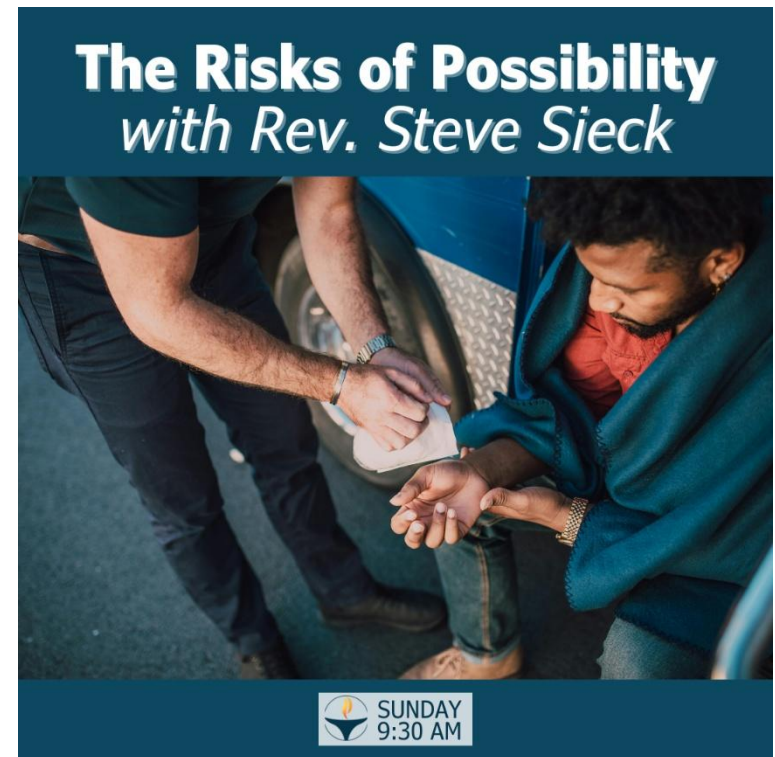
ONLINE GIVING. Support various programs with online donations! Scan the QR code and select a fund:

- **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.



2026 April 12th ~ 9:30-10:30

4th Sunday of Spring



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