

**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 #1020** “Woyaya”

**Story** “What is Easter?” Rev. Steve

**Children’s Benediction**

**Meditation** by Rev. Sara LaWall

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Moment of Silence**

**Sung Response #1002** “Comfort Me”

**Offering**

**Reflection** Bill Brauch

**Music** “Toccat of Praise” UU Singers  
by Joseph Martin

**Sermon** “Embracing Possibility” Rev. Steve

**\*Hymn #61** “Lo, the Earth Awakes Again”, verses 1, 3

**\*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.*

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Service Leader:	Rev. Steve Sieck
Celebrant	Bill Brauch
Song Leader:	Ren Culliney
Musicians:	Suzie Pritchett, piano; UU Singers, Karen Kraemer, director
Pastoral Care Associate:	John Morrow
AV Tech:	Kent Ohms
Hospitality Team Lead:	Sue Huber

### **TODAY'S FORUM: No Forum! Egg Hunt!**

Please have youth meet at the Welcome Desk at 11:00 AM for the egg hunt.

**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.

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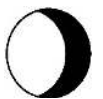
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## First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

*Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.*



2026 April 5th ~ 9:30-10:30  
3rd Sunday of Spring



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