

Inviting the Bell

Chalice Lighting

by Rev. Steve

We light this chalice, symbol of our living tradition, to mark our time together. Here in this fellowship of love, we give and receive the gift of attention. May this flame remind us of the love which binds us together.

***Passing the Peace** "Peace be with you"

***Hymn #21** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (v. 3 and 4)

Welcome

Covenant First Unitarian Church of Des Moines Mission

*We covenant together to advance our mission:
to love radically, grow ethically and spiritually,
and serve justly.*

Hymn #1009 Meditation on Breathing (sung 3 times)

Story for All Ages *Persephone and Demeter:* Susan Jellinger
a myth for the Equinox

Spotlight Peace, Justice & Democracy Linda Lemons &
and Immigration Justice Courtenay Wolf

FF26 Crystal Loving & Louise Alcorn

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

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

Offering

Reading "These Roses" & Barbara Martin
"A Person will Worship Something"
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Reflection Aaron Rosenfeld

Music "Because You Sang" UU Singers
Arianne Abela

Reflection Denise Rathman

***Hymn #44** "We Sing of Golden Mornings"

***Extinguishing the Chalice** by Rev. Loré Stevens
*We extinguish this flame, but not our focus.
We quench this candle, but not our quests.
To observe this splendid world, to witness each other,
these we continue all the moments of our lives.*

*Spoken Benediction

***Sung Benediction** "Hymn of Valor"

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Celebrant: Susan Bridgford and Barbara Martin
Storyteller: Susan Jellinger
Song Leader: Sarah Chang
Musicians: Bruce Martin, Karen Kraemer, UU Singers
Pastoral Care Associate: Ellen Taylor
AV Tech: Eileen Jackson
Hospitality Team Lead: Becky Evans

TODAY'S FORUM:

Volunteer Opportunities, facilitated by Walter Pearson

Join us for a presentation highlighting several volunteer opportunities in our community. For each organization, a member of our church who actively volunteers there will share about the work they do, the mission of the organization, and how others can get involved. This will be a great chance to learn about meaningful ways to serve and make a difference alongside fellow church members.

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:

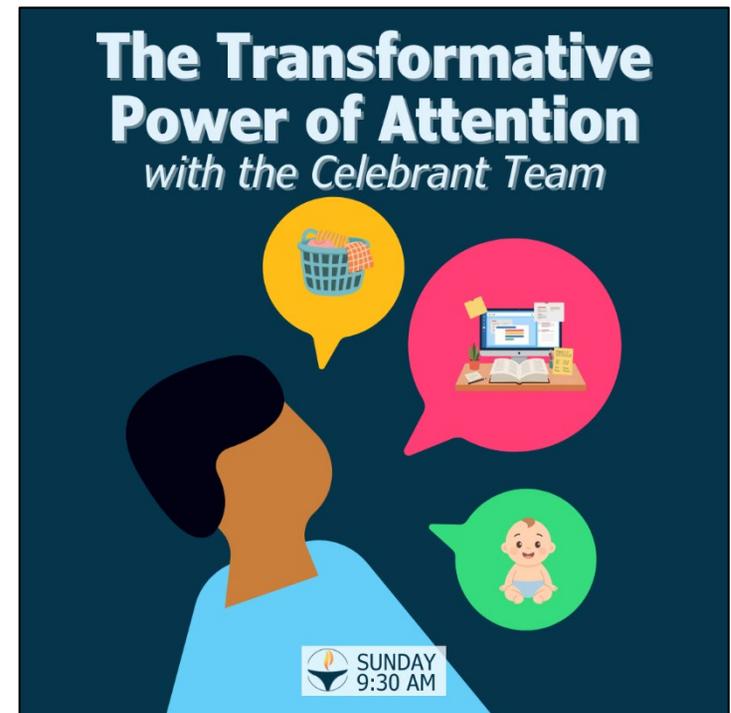
- **Assistive Listening Devices, full-page magnifiers, large-print hymnals and hymnals in Braille:** These are available just inside the Auditorium doors, on the shelves to your left.
- **Disability parking and accessible entrances:** Parking and drop-off/pick-up for those with accessibility needs is available 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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to the

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

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2026 March 22nd ~ 9:30-10:30
1st Sunday of Spring



Waxing Crescent