

**Opening Words**

*by Lynn Harrison*

**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 #175** "We Celebrate the Web of Life", verses 1, 3, 4

**Spotlight**

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Crystal Loving

**Story**

"The EARTH Book"  
*by Todd Farr*

Anne Sieck

**Children's Benediction**

**Meditation**

from "Braiding Sweetgrass"  
*by Robin Wall Kimmerer*

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Moment of Silence**

**Sung Response #1002** "Comfort Me"

**Offering**

**Celebrations**

Green Sanctuary Team

**Litany of Gratitude**

Katie Allen

**Music**

"Emerald Stream"  
*by Seth Houston*

UU Singers

**Reflections**

Jacob Hake Figge  
Diane Ford

**\*Hymn #1064** "Blue Boat Home"

**\*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:	Diane Ford
Celebrant	Bill Brauch
Song Leader:	Sarah Guenther
Musicians:	Bob Sobiech, pianist; UU Singers
Pastoral Care Associate:	Jim Carty
AV Tech:	Eileen Jackson
Hospitality Team Lead:	Natalie Mason & Sarah Letourneau

### **TODAY'S FORUM: Currents of Change: Water Quality!**

The Green Sanctuary Team invites you to learn more about what's happening to our drinking water in Central Iowa. Bethany Kohoutek from the Iowa Environmental Council will present a video of Iowa scientists discussing the results of the 2025 Central Iowa Source Water Resource Assessment. Also participating in the forum are Jake Deutmeyer, Technical Lead for the Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources Program, and Ginny Malcolmson from Polk County will explain how you can become a water quality monitor. Action steps from recent materials produced by the Harkin Institute and IEC will be shared.

**To connect with Green Sanctuary, email them at [green@ucdsm.org](mailto:green@ucdsm.org) or join their group in Realm!**

**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

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## First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

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

***Our Blue Boat Home-  
Embracing Possibility***  
*with the Celebrant Team and  
Green Sanctuary*



 SUNDAY  
9:30 AM

2026 April 19th ~ 9:30-10:30

5th Sunday of Spring



Waxing Crescent