

**Opening Words** *by G. Woods*

**Chalice Lighting** *by Bets Wienecke*  
*May this flame, symbol of transformation since time began,  
fire our curiosity, strengthen our wills,  
and sustain our courage  
as we seek what is good within and around us.*

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

**\*Hymn #347** “Gather the Spirit”, verse 1

**Welcome**

**Covenant** First Unitarian Church Mission  
*We covenant to love radically, grow ethically and spiritually,  
and serve justly.*

**Hymn #1012** “When I am Frightened” verses 1, 3

**Story** “Stella Brings the Family” Anne Sieck  
*by Miriam Schiffer*

**Children’s Benediction**

**Spotlight** RIVA Cheryl Long

**Meditation** “The Complexity of Motherhood”  
*By Rev. Leah Ongiri*

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Moment of Silence**

**Sung Response #1031** “Filled with Loving Kindness”, verse 3

**Offering** “The Prayer”  
*by C. Bayer Sager & D. Foster*

**Reflection** Susan Bridgford

**Music** “Sing My Child” UU Singers  
*by Sarah Quartel*

**Sermon** “A Mother’s Love” Rev. Steve

**\*Hymn #317** “We Are Not Our Own”, verses 1, 3, 4

**\*Extinguishing the Chalice** *by Barbara Cheatham*  
*May each of us bring happiness into another’s life;  
may we each be surprised by the gifts that surround us;  
may each of us be enlivened by constant curiosity —  
And may we remain together in spirit  
til the hour we meet again.*

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Sung Benediction** Hymn of Valor

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Service Leader:	Rev. Steve Sieck
Celebrant	Susan Bridgford
Song Leader:	Ren Culliney
Musicians:	Bob Sobiech, piano; Karen Kraemer, choir director; UU Singers
Pastoral Care Associate:	Ellen Taylor
AV Tech:	Gianfranco Berardi
Hospitality Team Lead:	Louise Alcorn

# Welcome

to the

## First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

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

### **TODAY'S FORUM: What is up with "Dare to Dream"?**

The Dare to Dream's Steering Committee will lay out the financial picture of the Capital Campaign and how it affects our plans. Catch up on the upcoming construction plans for the auditorium and the outdoors. Learn the why and how of our creek restoration plan.

**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.

## A Mother's Love *with Rev. Steve Sieck*



2026 May 10th ~ 9:30-10:30

8th Sunday of Spring



Waning Crescent