

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

by Paul Sprecher

We light this chalice to honor the memory of those who have come before us, kindling flames of wisdom in dark times, willing to challenge orthodoxy even at great personal risk, giving us a legacy of freedom and a love of truth, A legacy that warms our hearts and lights our paths.

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

***Hymn #159**, "This is My Song"

Welcome

Covenant First Unitarian Church Mission

We covenant to love radically, grow ethically and spiritually, and serve justly.

Hymn #96, "I Cannot Think of Them as Dead" verses 1-2

Meditation

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

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

Offertory

"Cafe Music" Linda Robbins-Coleman
by Gary Schocker & Sharon Stilwell

Reading

"Build a Better World"

by Rev. John Isom

Reflections

Paige Shivvers, Megan Klee, David Witke

***Hymn #358**, "Rank by Rank Again We Stand" verses 2-3

***Extinguishing the Chalice**

We extinguish our chalice, but its light lives on in the hearts of those who remember. May the sacrifices of the past inspire our actions in the present, and may we dedicate ourselves anew to the ongoing work of building a peaceful, compassionate community.

***Spoken Benediction**

***Sung Benediction** Hymn of Valor

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Speakers:	Paige Shivvers, Megan Klee, David Witke
Celebrants:	Diane Ford, Elizabeth Williams
Song Leader:	Barbara Martin
Musicians:	Suzie Pritchett, pianist; Sharon Stilwell, flutist; Linda Robbins-Coleman, pianist
Pastoral Care Associate:	Ellen Taylor
AV Tech:	Bill Paxson
Hospitality Team Lead:	Becky Evans

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to the

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.

TODAY'S FORUM: No Forum! Memorial Day Weekend!

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

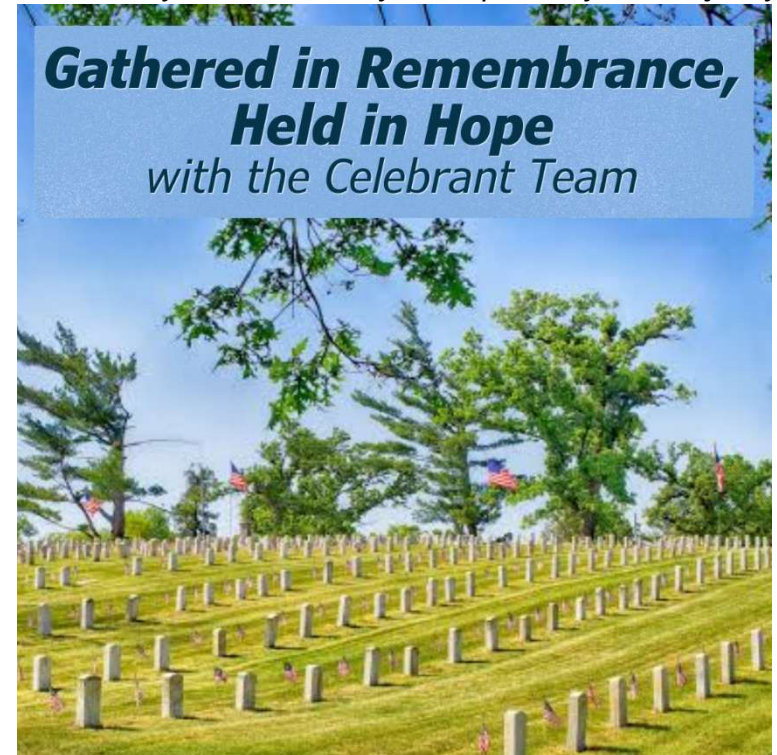


- **Your Pledge**
- **Basket Donation**
- **Faith in Action Partners** (donations split evenly among partners)
- **Endowment**
- **and more!**

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.



2026 May 24th ~ 9:30-10:30

10th Sunday of Spring



Waxing Gibbous