

Opening Words

by Craig Rowland

Chalice Lighting

Let this flame be that place:

not perfect, but possible.

Not without cracks, but full of light.

Welcome home.

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

***Hymn #345** “With Joy We Claim the Growing Light”

Welcome

LGBTQ+ Anniversaries Acknowledgment

Covenant

First Unitarian Church Bond of Union

We covenant to associate ourselves together for the study and practice of morality and religion, as interpreted by the growing thought and noblest lives of humanity, hoping thereby to prove helpful one to another and to promote truth, righteousness and love in the world.

Hymn #402 “From You I Receive” (sung twice; remain seated)

Spotlight

Meditation

“The Queer Beatitudes”
by Tim Atkins

Ren Culliney

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1053 “How Could Anyone” (only once)

Offering

“Cinq Pièces en Trio”
by Jacques Ibert

Opus 3 trio

Reflection “Elder Reflections on Marriage”

Barb Royal and
Deidre Fudge

Music

“Divertimento in Bb”
by Joachim Kotschau

Opus 3 trio

Reflection “Elder Reflections on Marriage”

David Ross and
Walter Tomlinson

Poem

“A Lesson in Trans Joy”
by Otter Jung-Allen

Ren Culliney

Reflection “Finding Queer and Trans Joy”

Jaycie Hake Figge

***Hymn** “Here You Will Always be Home” (Insert included)

by Sarah Chang

*Extinguishing the Chalice

by Rev. Michelle Collins

The flame goes out. What stays is what we’ve found here: the recognition, the remembering, the knowing that we are here for each other. From this we flourish, and light up the world.

*Spoken Benediction

***Sung Benediction #363** “Alleluia! Sang Stars”

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Service Leaders:

Doug Aupperle, Sarah Chang, Ren Culliney,
Jaycie Hake Figge, Gianfranco Berardi, Paige
Shivers

Celebrant:

Susan Bridgford

Song Leader:

Sarah Chang

Musicians:

Amy Anderson, piano; "Opus 3" Julie Murphy,
clarinet; Rebekah Hickok, flute; Marie
Ekenberry, Bassoon

Pastoral Care Associate:

Ellen Taylor

Hospitality Team Lead:

Shelly Kaldenburg

AV Tech:

Oge Nnadi, Rob Malcomson, Linda Lemons

Hospitality Team Lead:

Shelly Kaldenberg

TODAY'S FORUM: Trans Allyship 101

Join us as we discuss the best way to be an ally to the trans community. We will learn about the language used, what transphobia looks like, and how we can show up as allies to the trans community.

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

to the

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.



2026 June 28th ~ 9:30-10:30
2nd Sunday of Summer

