

Opening Words

by Rabindranath Tagore

Chalice Lighting

by Faithyna Leonard

*We light this chalice in celebration of the holy gift of play—
the laughter that opens our hearts,
the curiosity that awakens our minds,
and the joy that reminds us we belong to one another.
May this flame inspire us to create, imagine, and delight,
for in play we discover connection, wonder, and the sacred.*

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

***Hymn #1024** “When the Spirit Says Do” v.1

Welcome

Covenant First Unitarian Church’s Mission Statement

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

Hymn #1007 “There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul” v.1

Meditation Prayer for Play by Vinita Hampton Wright

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1053 “How Could Anyone”

Offering

Music Kellie Patterson & Susan Jellinger

Reflection Chris Rinner

Hymn #1008 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place” v.2

Sermon Faithyna Leonard

***Extinguishing the Chalice** by Faithyna Leonard

*As we extinguish this flame, may we carry its light into our
lives with playful hearts, open spirits, and joyful courage. May
we remember that moments of wonder, laughter, and
imagination can be acts of faith and hope. Until we gather
again, let us go in peace and play.*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Sung Benediction #118** “This Little Light of Mine”

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Speaker:	Faithyna Leonard
Celebrant:	Diane Ford
Song Leader:	Kellie Patterson
Musicians:	Bruce Martin, piano; Susan Jellinger & Kellie Patterson, vocal
Pastoral Care Associate:	John Morrow
Hospitality Team Lead:	Sue Huber
AV Tech:	Gianfranco Berardi

TODAY'S FORUM: Iowa Atheists and Freethinkers

The president of the Iowa Atheists and Freethinkers will discuss the basics of atheism, living in a society that emphasizes religion, and the impact and intertwining of religion and government from an atheist perspective.

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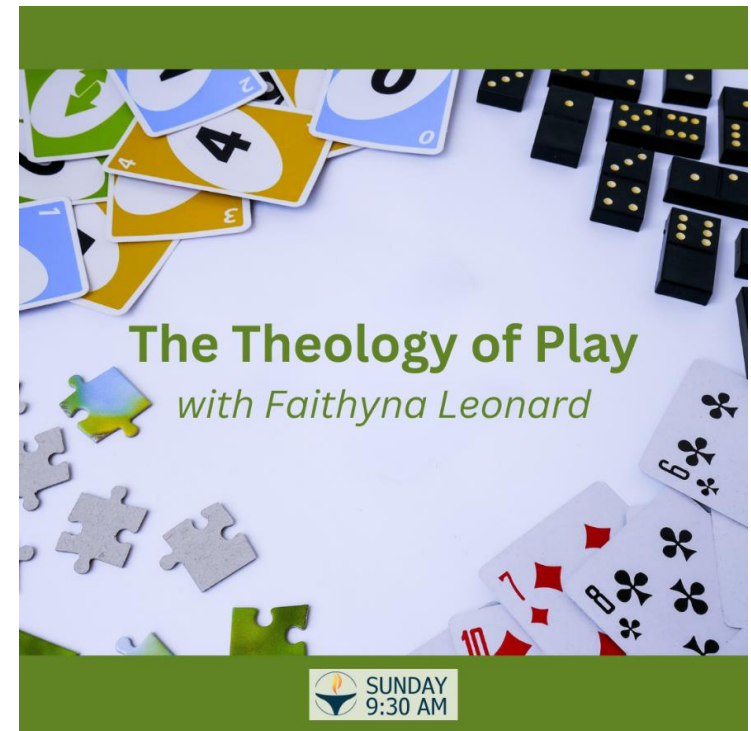
- **Large-print and Braille hymnals:**
These are available in Griffin Hall.
- **Disability parking and accessible entrances:**
Accessible parking is available in the south parking lot on Casady Drive. The south lot also includes a designated drop-off and pick-up lane.
- **Lift to all building levels:** 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 August 9th ~ 9:30- 10:30

8th Sunday of Summer



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