

TODAY'S FORUM:

Where Does a Humanist Turn?

Join Paul Derrick for further discussion about the Humanist Society after the service.

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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

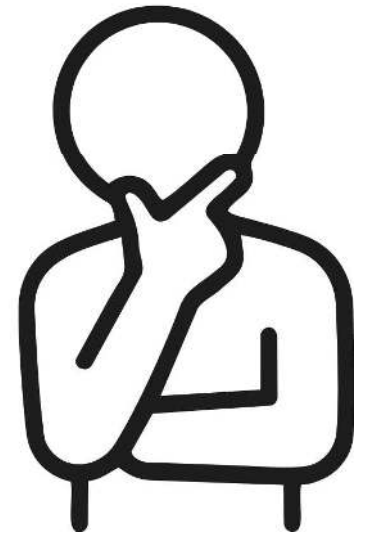
to the

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

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Where Does a Humanist Turn?

with Paul Derrick



2026 August 30th ~ 9:30- 10:30
11th Sunday of Summer



Waning Gibbous

Opening Words *by Theresa Novak*

Chalice Lighting *by Julianne Lepp*

*We seek our place in the world and the answers to
our hearts' deep questions.*

*As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected
answers.*

*May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community
of warmth, of wisdom, and welcoming of multiple truths.*

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

***Hymn #1000** "Morning has Come"

Welcome *by Shari Woodbury*

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 #331** "Life is the Greatest Gift of All"

Spotlight Unity Circle Lynne George

Adult Programming Walter Pearson

Readings Becky Evans

Meditation

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

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

Offering

Offertory Prologue from "Serenade for Tenor" Nick W.
B. Britten

Music Selected Horn Duets Meghan & Nick W.
W.A. Mozart

Sermon "Where Does a Humanist Turn" Paul Derrick

***Hymn #335** "Once When My Heart was Passion Free"

***Extinguishing the Chalice** by Rev. Lore Stevens
*We extinguish this flame, but not our focus.
We quench this candle, but not our quests.
To observe this splendid world, to witness each other,
These we continue all the moments of our lives.*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Sung Benediction #1057** "Go Lifted Up"

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Speaker:	Paul Derrick, Humanist Society Becky Evans
Celebrant:	Barbara Martin
Chalice Keepers:	Yessica Escutia Ponce de Leon, Jake Deutmeyer, and Sascha Deutmeyer Escutia
Song Leader:	Sarah Chang
Musicians:	Bruce Martin, piano; Meghan & Nick Westphal, french horns
Pastoral Care Associate:	Laura Berardi
Hospitality Team Lead:	Shelly Kaldenberg
AV Tech:	Bill Paxson