

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

by Lisa Garcia-Simpson

In these wild, historic, and uncertain times, we gather to remember who we are, who we belong to, and what we are called to do. As we light this chalice, we kindle the spirit of the great turning: the movement for justice alive in this nation today. May we feel it in our bones, and in the stillness of this hour, may we sense it calling our name.

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

***Hymn #121** “We’ll Build a Land”

Welcome

Reading

Cathy Beck-Cross

Covenant

by James Vila Blake

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law; this is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

Hymn #170 “We Are a Gentle Angry People”

Spotlight

Adult Programming

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1002 Comfort Me

Reflection

Elaine Imlau

Offering

Reflection

Eileen Jackson

Music

“Adagio”

Julie Murphy & Bruce Martin

Mozart Clarinet Concerto

Reflection

Crystal Loving

Hymn #1028 “Fire of Commitment”

*Extinguishing the Chalice

by Marianne Williamson

This flame goes out, but let us remember...

In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.

*Spoken Benediction

Sally Boeckholt

***Sung Benediction #318** “We Would Be One”

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Speakers:	Elaine Imlau, Eileen Jackson, Crystal Loving, Cathy Beck-Cross, Sally Boeckholt
Celebrant:	Sue Bridgford
Song Leader:	Barbara Martin
Musicians:	Bruce Martin, piano; Julie Murphy, clarinet
Pastoral Care Associate:	Ellen Taylor
Hospitality Team Lead:	Lynne & Kerry George
AV Tech:	Kent Ohms

TODAY'S FORUM: We the People

Maybe you've turned private pain into public action? Maybe you're curious how to move from frustration to responsibility, from charity alone to justice and social change. First Unitarian is a long-time member of AMOS, a broad-based organizing collective working towards systems change. You're invited into discussion and sharing, to see that good power grows where people are connected and ready to act together.

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ACCESSIBILITY:

- **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.

We the People
with AMOS



 SUNDAY
9:30 AM

2026 August 16th ~ 9:30- 10:30
9th Sunday of Summer



Waxing Crescent