

PLEASE NOTE: Next week begins our new service schedule:

9:15 a.m. - Full service in Auditorium

11:00 a.m. - MOSAIC service in Griffin

SERVICES:

9:15 a.m. Service

Gather in the Auditorium for a full Sunday service featuring readings, hymns, reflections, musical ensembles, and a sermon. Come listen, reflect, sing, and connect.

11:00 a.m. MOSAIC Service

Join us in Griffin Hall for a more intimate, discussion-based service exploring the same themes and questions in a participatory way. MOSAIC stands for Meaning, Openness, Sharing, Authenticity, Inquiry, and Connection.

For Children & Families

Faith Formation classes for children are offered during the 9:15 a.m. service **ONLY**.

Childcare for children ages 0-4 will be available during both services.

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

- **Your Pledge**
- **Basket Donation**
- **Endowment**
- **and more!**



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

Check out our upcoming events:

<https://tinyurl.com/UCDSMevent>

Welcome

to the

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.

Stepping into the River *with Rev. Steve Sieck*



2026 September 13th ~ 9:30- 10:30

12th Sunday of Summer



Waxing Crescent

Opening Hymn #188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” (2x)

Opening Words “Let Me Begin Again” *by Major Jackson*

Chalice Lighting

*When we light this chalice,
we remember that we all have light within us.
May we gather our light together.*

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

***Hymn #1028** “The Fire of Commitment” (vv.1-2)

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Spotlight Progressive Voices

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 #1028** “The Fire Commitment” (v.3)

Meditation “Life is a River” *by Martha Sherick Shen*

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

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

Offering

Offertory “Stand in that River”
by Moira Smiley Vocal Trio

Reflection Elijah Evans

Music “Wade into the Living Water”
by R. Fair and M. Barrett UU Singers

Sermon “Stepping into the River” Rev. Steve

Water Communion Ritual

***Hymn #1064** “Blue Boat Home”

***Extinguishing the Chalice**
*As we extinguish this chalice,
let us shine our light into the world.*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Sung Benediction #414** “As We Leave this Friendly Place”
(sung to #288)

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Minister:	Rev. Steve Sieck
Celebrant	Elijah Evans
Chalice Stewards:	Chelsea, Eric, Greta, and Quinton Hayes
Song Leader:	Sarah Guenther
Musicians:	Bruce Martin, piano; UU Singers; Sarah Chang, Deidre Fudge, Karen Kraemer, vocal trio
Pastoral Care Associate:	Jim Carty
AV Tech:	Bill Paxson and Kent Newman
Hospitality Team Lead:	Louise Alcorn