

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**.

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.
- **Parking:** Accessible parking, as well as pick-up and drop-off, is available in the south lot. General parking is available in the lot across Bell Avenue, north of the church.
- **Lift to all building levels:** Main floor on the east side of the coatroom.

Join AMOS for Get Out the Vote Efforts

Sunday, 9/20 - Bethel AME at 2:00 PM

Wednesday, 9/23 - Burns UMC at 4:30 PM

Sunday, 10/11 - St. Paul AME at 2:00 PM

Sunday, 10/18 - Trinity Las Americas UMC at 2:00 PM

Sunday, 10/25 - Community of Christ (Penn. Ave) at 3:00 PM

Register at bit.ly/AMOSGOTV

Welcome

to the

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.

Every Beginning is an End
with Rev. Steve Sieck



2026 September 20th ~ 9:15- 10:15

13th Sunday of Summer



Waxing Gibbous

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

Opening Words from *When Things Fall Apart*
by Pema Chödrön

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 #17** “Every Night and Every Morn” verses 1-2

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Spotlight Immigration Justice

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 #17** “Every Night and Every Morn” verse 3

Meditation “Autumnal Equinox” by Jane O. Wayne

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

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

Offering

Reflection Louise Alcorn

Music “Ven Espiritu, Fuente De Vida” UU Singers
 (“Come Spirit, Source of Life”)
Traditional, arr. by Bruce Martin

Sermon “Every Beginning is an End” Rev. Steve

Equinox Ritual

***Hymn #1059** “May Your Life Be as a Song”

*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:	Louise Alcorn
Chalice Stewards:	Heather, Steve, and Simon Forman
Song Leader:	Andy Curl
Musicians:	Bruce Martin, piano; Karen Kraemer, choir director; UU Singers
Pastoral Care Associate:	Kellie Patterson
AV Tech:	Bill Paxson
Hospitality Team Lead:	Crystal Loving