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*First Unitarian Church of Des Moines invites people into  
a respectful, authentic, and joyful religious community that  
nurtures meaningful connections, pursues justice, and inspires service.*

**October 24 & 25, 2009**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, October 24, 2009, 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, October 25, 2009, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Bruce Martin, pianist



“Those who walk barefoot should not plant thorns.”  
– Old English Proverb

**Learning a Hymn #77** *Seek Not Afar for Beauty*

### Intoning the Chime

#### Call to Gather

#### Chalice Lighting

Leader: Life is a gift for which we are grateful.  
People: *We gather in community to celebrate the glories and the mysteries of this great gift.*  
Leader: So let us kindle now the flame of our liberal religious heritage.  
People: *In its glow, may our reason and our passion lead us to be true to ourselves, true to each other, and true to what we can together become.*

**\*Hymn #16** *'Tis a Gift to Be Simple*

#### Welcome

**Doxology**  
*(tune: Old Hundred #371)*

From all that dwell below the skies  
let songs of hope and faith arise;  
let peace, good will on earth be sung  
through every land, by every tongue.

**Sharing a Story (Sun.)** *The Foot Book* by Dr. Seuss

**Singing the Children Out (Sun.)**  
*(words by Barbara Pescan)*

#### Joys & Concerns

**Ricky Klein**

*(Sun)* **Pelley Family**

**Marian Whitaker**

**Sydney Pelley**

## Caring Ministry Minute

**Sharing Our Abundance**

*Second Basket goes to Passageway and Children & Families of Iowa*

**Meditation Spoken Silence**  
**Sung Response #38**

*Morning Has Broken*

**Readings**

*Exodus 3:1-10*  
*If I Had my Life to Live Over* by Nadine Stair

**Special Music (Sat.)**

*Anyone Can Whistle* by Stephen Sondheim

**Special Music (Sun.)**

*The Little White Hen* by Scandello

**Sermon**

“Put Off Thy Shoes”

**\*Hymn #77**

*Seek Not Afar for Beauty*

**\*Closing Words**

**\*Extinguishing the Flame**

Leader: I extinguish the symbolic flame of this gathering. May we carry its light into the world.  
People: *Let us go from this place, open to life, expecting to love, and prepared to serve.*

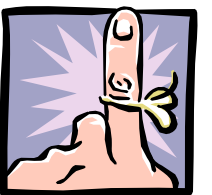
**\*Closing in Song**

*Hymn of Valor (see inside back of hymnal)*

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

## REMEMBER!!

Sunday services will be changing to new times **on Sunday, November 1.**  
Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Saturday services will remain at 4:30 p.m.



**Ann Mowery (Sat)**  
**Bill Leonard (9:00)**  
**Xenda Lindel (10:30)**

**Marian Whitaker (Sat)**  
**Bill Paxson (Sun)**

**Barb Martin**

**Vocal Ensemble**

**Ricky Klein**

***Thank You To All Service Participants And Today's Hospitality Team:***

**Hospitality Teams: Saturday:** Karen and Steve Herwig

**Sunday 9:00 a.m. Team Leader: Marge Graves,** John Graves, Carolyn Spencer, Rob & Michelle Heater, Keri Kinnard, Carol Evans, Ruth Keairns, Joel Gesaman, Kathie Karpinen

**Sunday 10:30 a.m. Team Leaders: Suzie Stewart/ Mary Humphrey,** Amanda Carpenter, Heather Hutchcroft, David Ross, Walter Tomlinson, Ben & Naura Godar, Ahmed & Janine Choudhury, Ryan & Amy Doyle.  
Special desserts from Bob Baker.

**Vocal Ensemble (Sunday): Andrew Curl, Deidre Fudge, Karen Kraemer, Brad Leu, Barb Martin, Bruce Martin, John Nielsen and Jane Rider.**

*Children & Families of Iowa* (CFI) is restoring hope, building futures and changing lives. *Passageway* provides a place where individuals with mental illness can find personal support and have employment opportunities and training.

***Next Week's Service:***

**"Day of the Dead Celebration" with Rev. Stringer**

*Saturday, October 31, 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 1, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

As has become our tradition this time of year, our services will be inspired by the Mexican Día de los Muertos holiday, a time when Mexican families remember their dead and celebrate the continuity of life. We will maintain the practice of creating an altar adorned with items that we think would be beautiful to the souls of our departed loved ones. All who attend are encouraged to bring photos, mementos, and/or special items to place on the altar. We will also share some words about those whose absences are particularly felt this season. A service of recognition, affirmation and celebration for all ages.

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**REMEMBER** to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, October 31 as Daylight Savings Time ends. Don't be late (*or early*) for Sunday services on November 1!

