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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 17 & 18, 2009



ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, October 17, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bruce Martin, pianist



“When you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible.”—Nora Ephron, When Harry Met Sally

Learning a Hymn #10 *Immortal Love*

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 #10** *Immortal Love*

Welcome

Pulpit Editorial

Doxology
(tune: Old Hundreth #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.)

King and King
by Linda De Haan and Stern Nijland

Singing the Children Out (Sun.)

(words by Barbara Pescan)

Children’s Benediction by B. Bradfield
“Go in joy. Go in peace to meet the day.
With open hearts embrace life’s wonder.
We will guide you. We will love you on your way.”

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(Sun) **Stacy McVey**
Bobbie Hoch

Bill Allen

Stephen Lauer

Anson Tonelli

(Sun) **A Few Words about Interweave**

Joys & Concerns

Caring Ministry Minute

Sharing Our Abundance

Second Basket goes to Passageway and Children & Families of Iowa

Meditation Spoken Silence
Sung Response #18

What Wondrous Love

Readings

From *Riverhouse Stories* by Andrea Carlise
From *I Like You* by Sandol Stoddard Warburg

Special Music

One Voice by Ruth Moody

Sermon

“Standing in a River of Love”

***Hymn #100**

I’ve Got Peace Like a River

***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.**

Mark Metz

Jodie McKay (Sat);
Jim Pattison (9:00 a.m.)
Joan McAlister (10:30)

Doug Aupperle

Jen Kurth,
Kellie Patterson,
Anne Rozeboom

Rev. Mark Stringer

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

Hospitality Teams: Saturday: Sally Boeckholt and Robert Gonzalez

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Team Leader: Cathy Mussett, Maggie McGill, Chris & Kathy Jorgenson, Ned Miller, Susan Bridgford, Pat Farland, Jeanne Bowles, Pam Olund, SuAnn Donovan, Jean Tauber **Sunday 10:30 a.m. Team Leader: Dagny Fidler,** Doug Hoffman, Jodie McKay, Price & LeaAnn Flanagan, Diane Ford, Hazel Zimmerman, Jo Fitz, Connie Muetzel, Jenny Brown

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:

“Take Off Thy Shoes; Thou Standest On Holy Ground” with Ricky Klein

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

When Moses approached the burning bush in Exodus, God told Moses to take off his shoes since the ground there was sacred. While, theologians have spent millennia discussing the implications of being barefoot before God, we'll consider our own relationships with the idea of “Holy Ground” and our awareness of the world around us.

PLEASE NOTE:

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.

