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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.*

**November 14 & 15, 2009**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, November 14, 2009, 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, November 15, 2009, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*Bruce Martin, pianist*



*“Life is an endless series of no-win situations if what you mean by winning is making everyone else happy.”—Jeffrey A. Miller, Bowen family therapist and management consultant*

### 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 #52** *In Sweet Fields of Autumn*

#### Welcome

#### (Sun) Pulpit Editorial

**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.

#### (Sun.) Sharing a Story

*The Loser and Me-Stew* by Shel Silverstein

#### (Sun.) Singing the Children to Classes

*(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.”

#### Joys & Concerns

**Rev. Mark Stringer**

**(Sun)  
Lasche-Brown family**

**Adele Villemez**

**Andy Troxell**

**Olivia Brown**

### Sharing our Abundance

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

#### Offertory

*O mio babbino caro* from *Gianni Schicchi*  
by Giacomo Puccini

**Carrie Mineck**

### Introducing the Theme

#### Meditation

#### Spoken

#### Silence

#### Sung Response #352

*Find a Stillness*

#### Reading

From *The Anxious Organization*  
by Jeffrey A. Miller

**(Sat) Adele Villemez  
(Sun) Jo Fitz**

#### Special Music

*Notre amour* by Gabriel Fauré

**Carrie Mineck**

#### Sermon

“The I’s Have It”

**Rev. Mark Stringer**

#### \*Hymn #212

*We Are Dancing Sarah’s Circle*

#### \*Closing Words

The words of Wayne Arnason

#### \*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.***

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

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

**9:30 a.m. Team Leader: Gene McCracken**, Judy Davis, Deb Kane, Kay Hertz, Cat Morris, Curt Simmons, Mary Kelly, Barb Klubal, Jan Svec, Margaret Wills

**11:00 a.m. Team Leader: Ellen Taylor**, David Hurd, Joel Severinghaus, Bev Westra, Eugene & Mary Beth Fracek, Jean Rommes, Sherry Levine, Stan Dudley, Chery Peterson, Karen Kittell. *Special treats from Bob Baker at both Sunday services.*

Lyric Soprano Carrie Ellen Mineck travels throughout the United States, performing with the Arizona Opera, the Minnesota Dance Theatre, and the Bismarck Symphony, among others. She will be a guest artist with the Des Moines Symphony November 21-22 for the Mahler 2<sup>nd</sup> Symphony, and maintains a teaching studio here in Des Moines.

*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:***

**"Counting our Blessings" with Rev. Stringer**

*Saturday, November 21, 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 22, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Aud.*

A special pre-Thanksgiving gratitude-themed service with stories, songs, food and meaningful fun. You may have your child dedicated at any of this weekend's services.

Contact Rev. Stringer for more information at [minister@ucdsm.org](mailto:minister@ucdsm.org).