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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 28 & 29, 2009



ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, November 28, 2009, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 29, 2009, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Bruce Martin, pianist



“Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast.”
– William Shakespeare

Learning Hymn #55 *Dark of Winter*

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 #188** *Come, Come, Whoever You Are* (As a round)

Welcome

Doxology From all that dwell below the skies
(tune: Old Hundred #371) 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 Magic Porridge* by Paul Galdone

(Sun.) Singing the Children to Classes *Children’s Benediction* by B. Bradfield
(words by Barbara Pescan) “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.”

Pulpit Editorial Poinsettia sale

Joys & Concerns

Ricky Klein

(Sun)
**Adele Villemez
and Adelia Brown**

Adelia Brown

Cat Morris

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

Meditation

Spoken

Silence

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Story *The Rules of the Feast*
from the *Völsunga Saga*

Ricky Klein

(Sat) Special Music “Count Your Blessings” by Berlin

Bruce Martin, piano

(Sun) Special Music “Alleluia” by Muczynski

Vocal Ensemble

Sermon “Let Us Feast”

Ricky Klein

***Hymn #55** *Dark of Winter*

*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.**

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

Hospitality Teams: Saturday: Ann and Al Powers

9:30 a.m. Team Leader: Julie Brown, Phyllis Swink, Caesar Smith, Jeff Chungath, Louise Alcorn, Sara Harwood, Kathie Karpinen, Jeanne Cinnamon

11:00 a.m. Team Leader: Kathie Dawley, Mark Metz, Larry & Liz Bredeson, Mike & Janet Hiatt, Seana Perkins, Bobbie Amos, David & Diane Shelby Churchill

Vocal Ensemble is Barb Martin, Karen Kraemer, Deidre Fudge, Jane Rider, Andrew Curl, Brad Leu, Bruce Martin

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:

Crossing the Threshold

with Sally Boeckholt, Xenda Lindel, Bruce Martin and Karen Nicholson

Saturday, December 5, 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 6, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Aud.

In the midst of the rush of the holidays and the coming of a new calendar year, join us for a contemplative service of (mostly) poetry. We'll have readings and music, and the opportunity to participate in a "congregational poem."