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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 7 & 8, 2009**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, November 7, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 8, 2009, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Bruce Martin, pianist*



## Joys & Concerns

**New Member Ceremony** See insert

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

**Meditation  
Spoken  
Silence  
Sung Response**

*Amazing Grace* (text adapted by John B. Isom)  
(see text on reverse)

**Ricky Klein**

**Reading  
Sung Response #317**

from Hosea Ballou  
*We Are Not Our Own* (verse 1)

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Sung Response #317**

from Michael Dowd  
(verses 2 & 3)

**Tom Thurtell  
(Sat. and Sun. 11:00)  
Caesar Smith  
(Sun. 9:30)**

**Reading**

from Mary Oliver

**Xenda Lindel**

**Special Music**

*His Majesty the Tuba* by Robert Dowling

**Brad Leu**

**Sermon**

“From What, By What, For What?”

**Rev. Mark Stringer**

**\*Hymn #108**

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

**\*Closing Words**

The words of John Murray

**\*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.**

*“To save yourself without damning another is a wonderful thing.”—Forrest Church*

**Learning Hymn #317** *We Are Not Our Own*

**Intoning the Chime**

**Call to Gather**

**Ricky Klein,  
Ministerial Intern**

**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.*

**Vandegrift/Tonelli  
family (Sun)**

**\*Hymn #209**

*O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls*

**Welcome**

**Rob Heater**

**Hymnal Drive**

**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.

**Risa Vandegrift**

**(Sun.) Sharing a Story**

“*Have You Ever Noticed...*” by Kermit the Frog  
excerpt from *It’s Not Easy Being Green and Other Things to Consider* by Jim Henson

**(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.”

**First Unitarian Church of Des Moines  
New Member Ceremony**

**Welcome**

**Roll Call of  
New Members**

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Helen Copley  
Stephanie Deutsch  
Eloise Dycus  
Amy Gates-Young  
Christopher Gates-Young  
Bobbie Hock  
John Hutchinson  
Natalie Hutchinson  
Jennifer Kurth  
Stacy McVey  
Jennifer Senne*

**Responsive  
Reading #728**

*Blessed Are Those*  
(congregation reads plain type;  
new members read italics)

**\*Congregational  
Response**

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**Extending the  
Hand of Fellowship**

Hymn #346 *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

**Rev. Mark Stringer**

**Lori Emison Clair,**  
Director of  
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Led by **Lori Emison  
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**Amazing Grace** (text adapted by John B. Isom)

Amazing grace of human love  
That saved a child like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.

Twas love that taught our hearts to care  
and love our fears relieved  
How precious does that love appear  
The times we're most in need.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
We have already come  
Was love that brought us safe thus far,  
and love can lead US on.

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

**Hospitality Teams: Saturday:** Ann Mowry and Jane Bibber

**Sunday 9:00 a.m. Team Leader: Carol Henderson,** Bob Henderson,  
Sue Repplinger, Rob & Karen Nicholson, Denny Schrock, Patrick Phillips,  
Marilyn Lantz, David Rasey, Linda Lemons, Bill & Lois Leonard, Kathie Karpinen,  
Karen Kienker **Sunday 10:30 a.m. Team Leader: Carol Hibbs,** Rolland Riley,  
Steve & Jennifer Galluzzo, Todd & Heidi Lackmann, Pat Larson,  
Evelyn Glazebrook, Lisa Hogan, Andy Popson, John & Margaret Holmes

*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:**

**The I's Have It with Rev. Mark Stringer**

*Saturday, Nov. 14, 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Aud.*

This year's installment of a annual service inspired by Dr. Murray Bowen's Family  
Systems Theory will consider how family anxiety can be more effectively navigated  
and even calmed (over time...) when members focus less on personalities and more  
on principles.