

Timekeeper

*As ink flows and pen on paper dances
my thoughts and my emotions take shape,*

*and this slice of time of my forward movement,
and my transformation, is preserved.*

*This oh, so small part of me that clutched in my hands
is forever still; and yet I continue.*

- Tyrone Tyler

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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.*

December 5 & 6, 2009



ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, December 5, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 6, 2009, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Bruce Martin, pianist



It is difficult to get the news from poems yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there. - William Carlos Williams

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 #64** *Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today*

Welcome

Xenda Lindel (Sat.)

Greg Pelley (Sun.)

Sally Boeckholt (Sat)

Greg Pelley (Sun)

Karen Nicholson (Sat.)

Greg Pelley (Sun.)

Sydney Pelley

Sally Boeckholt

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 Poem

Where the Sidewalk Ends
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."

Introducing the Theme

Sharing our Abundance

Offering by Sally Boeckholt

Special Music

Two Songs on Emily Dickinson poems:
The Grass and *I'm Nobody*
by Vincent Persichetti

Barb Martin

Reading

Horses at Midnight by Jack Gilbert
Winter Afternoon by Grace Paley
Forseeing by Sharon Bryan

Karen Nicholson

Reading

Hospital Visits by Jim Autry
Two Higher Mammals by Marge Piercy
Speaking With Hands by Luis Rodriquez

Sally Boeckholt

Reading

Piano by D.H. Lawrence
Putting in the Seed by Robert Frost
An Inmate by Peter Kocan
God is Dead - Nietzsche by Elizabeth Barrett

Bruce Martin

Reading

Just What Do You Expect of a Black Man?
by Tyrone Tyler
Smooth by Tyrone Tyler
Walks a Man by Tyrone Tyler
Suddenly by Tyrone Tyler

Xenda Lindel

Congregational Poem

*Hymn #326

Let All the Beauty We Have Known

*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:* Bev Westra and Joel Severinghaus

9:30 a.m. Team Leader: Xenda Lindel, Adele Villemez, Pam Brennan, Ryan Beck, Margaret Karbeling, Greg Nichols, Dawn Connett, Jim Pattison, Heather Schebel, Nicole Keller ***11:00 Team Leader:*** Susan Seitz, Mike Smith, Judy Lonning, Laura Luchsinger, Jon Royal, Linda Lovell, Steve & Martha Stephenson, Anne Rozeboom, John Morrow, Melissa Linebaugh, Phyllis Briley

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:

"A Letter to Santa" with Rev. Mark Stringer

Saturday, December 12, 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 13, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Aud.

It's been more than 30 years since your minister last sent a letter to the North Pole, and he figures it may be time to give it another go.