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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.*

January 2 & 3, 2010



ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, January 2, 2010, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 3, 2010, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Bruce Martin, pianist



“Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind.”
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Truthiness (noun): “Truth that comes from the gut, not books.”
—*Stephen Colbert, Comedy Central’s “The Colbert Report,” October 2005*

Intoning the Chime

Call to Gather

Rev. Stringer

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 #187** *It Sounds Along the Ages*

Welcome

Greg Pelley

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** “Clyde Tombaugh Discovers Plato”
by Lynn Ungar

Brennan Wieck

(Sun) **Singing the Children To Classes** *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.”
(words by *Barbara Pescan*)

Joys and Concerns

Sharing our Abundance

Meditation
Spoken
Silent

Sung Response #51 *Lady of the Season’s Laughter*

Readings

From “Self-Reliance”
by Ralph Waldo Emerson
From *Misquoting Jesus* by
Bart D. Ehrman

(Sat) **Greg Pelley**
(Sun) **Mark Campbell**

Special Music

“My Way” arr. by Dan Coates

Barb Martin,
Louise Alcorn,
Denny Schrock, and
John Nielsen

Sermon

“Free and Responsible Truthiness”

Rev. Stringer

*Hymn 212

We Are Dancing Sarah’s Circle

*Closing Words

from Kathleen McTigue

*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 (inside back cover of Hymnal)

**Please stand as you are able.*

Thank You to all Service Participants and Today's Hospitality Team

Saturday: Judy Haver, Bonnie Crippen

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Team Leader: Mary Hays, Kirk Martin, Sarah Ekstrand, Gloria Edwards, Alan Billyard, Linda Andersen, Amy Knudson, Bob Anderson, Larry Schlatter, Dell Radcliffe, Mike Delaney

11:00 a.m. Team Leader: Bill Paxson, Chris Paxson, David Witke, Lyn Fox, Jim Fox, Mary Ann Hicks, Wendy Wilson, Sharon Ancell, Bill Allen, Katie Allen, Kim Alanis, Charles Carnes

Next Week's Services:

“Right Foot in Front of the Left” with Rev. Mark Stringer

Saturday, January 9, 4:30 p.m., Auditorium

Sunday, January 10, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Auditorium

With the new year (and decade!) just begun and resolutions rising, many of us may be considering a new way of being in the world. What are some ways we might move toward this “new way”? A sermon about approaching spiritual discipline, transformation, and life itself, UU style. Hurley & Dancers will perform for us at all three services!

Second Basket

Your generous Second Basket contribution will be divided between *Children & Families of Iowa* and *Passageway*.

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.