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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 23 & 24, 2010**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, January 23, 2010, 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, January 24, 2010, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*Bruce Martin, pianist*



“It seems questionable that Christ would spend all of his time in Heaven with proper folks, ignoring those who suffer in hell. When Christ lived among us, he was so accepting of outcasts and sinners that it was scandalous to the proper religious folks of his day.” *Rev. Kalen Fristad.*

### Intoning the Chime

#### Call to Gather

*Celebrant*

#### 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.*

*Erin Budreau & Tom Wieck and family*

**\*Hymn #298** *Wake Now My Senses*

#### Welcome

*Celebrant*

#### Doxology (tune: Old Hundreth #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

*excerpt from “Old Turtle” by Douglas Woods*

*Zoey Wieck*

#### (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 and Concerns

*Celebrant*

### Sharing our Abundance

#### Meditation

#### Spoken

#### Silent

#### Sung Response

*Celebrant*

#### Reading

God Concepts: Do they Matter?

*Celebrant*

#### Special Music

“Amber Waves Goodby”  
written by Michael Gulezian

*Brian Banse*

#### Sermon

“Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful”

*Rev. Kalen Fristad*

#### \*Hymn 159

*This is My Song*

#### \*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* (inside back cover of Hymnal)

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**Saturday:** Karen and Steve Herwig

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Team Leader: Eileen Lundberg,** Mark Campbell, Harriet Aten, Jane Bell, Susan Arland, Susan Hurst, Jerry Hurst, Patty Dornacker, Doug Dornacker, Alex Dornacker, Dave Proudfit, Anna Boulanger

**11:00 a.m. Team Leader: Linda Appelgate,** Florence Frette, Eileen Jackson, Mary Dycus, Lyra Halsten, Maureen Myshock, Diane Ford, Ruthanne Harstad, Pat Headley, Barb Martin, Jane Rider, Helen Copley

### ***Next Week's Services:***

#### **Happy Tu Bishvat! with Ricky Klein, Ministerial Intern**

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

*Sunday, January 31, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Auditorium*

This weekend marks one of the four New Years of the Jewish calendar, the beginning of the growing year. Although often referred to as the "Israeli Arbor Day," Tu Bishvat is more about being in relationship with the natural world than feeling guilty about our impact. We'll explore what lessons this relatively minor holiday has for the modern world.

### **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.