

# Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Gathering virtually since 2020!

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Today's Service relates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> UU Principle** Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

**Opening Song** *Morning Has Broken* ...trad. Gaelic/Eleanor Farjeon/performed by Cat Stevens

**Chalice Lighting** Spirit of East, spirit of air, of morning and springtime: Be with us as the sun rises, in times of beginning, times of planting. Inspire us with the fresh breath of courage as we go forth into new adventures. ...Joan Goodwin, from *To the Four Directions*

## Land Acknowledgement

**Joys and Sorrows** Please raise your Zoom hand to share any personal joy or concern with the Fellowship.

**Silent Meditation / Sung Response** Your joy is my joy; your sorrow, my sorrow. Together we live our days, together we love this place. In beloved community, we are not alone. ...Ellen Rockne

**Offering / Offertory** For all that is our life, we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift that we are called to use to build the common good, and make our own days glad. ...Bruce Findlow

## Decorah UU Annual Meeting

1. (Brief Service, with Nancy Barry)
2. Call to Order, Matthew Alexander, Board Chair
3. Approval of 2019 Minutes
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Review and approval of committee reports
  - Board of Trustees Chair
  - Sunday Services Committee
  - Membership
  - OWL Program
6. Financial report & FY 2020-21 budget approval, Beth Wahlberg, Treasurer
7. Election Items
  - 7.1 Board member Election (vote for three)
    - Matthew Alexander
    - Julie Ohde
    - Lynn Pleggenkuhle
  - 7.2 Members of Nominating Committee (vote for two)
    - Lalie Madriguera
    - Janet Snider
8. Discussion - Sunday Services in coming months
9. Adjourn



**Extinguishing the Chalice** May the light we have now kindled inspire us to use our powers to heal and not to harm, to help and not to hinder, to bless and not to curse, to serve you, Spirit of Freedom.

...from Passover Haggadah



## Announcements

**Thank you** to Nancy Barry for leading our short service today, and to the Decorah UU Board of Trustees for leading our Fellowship throughout the year: Matthew Alexander, Beth Wahlberg, Carolyn Corbin, Maggie Hayden and Bill Pardee. After the service, please treat yourself to a little something fabulous, and we'll be in virtual touch soon. Take care!

**Share-the-Plate** - Our plate recipient for May-June is the Decorah Community Food Pantry. To support the plate recipient, see Decorah UU Giving, below.

**Next Sunday, May 10** - Casual/social Sunday. More information coming soon.

**Member Emergency Fund** - Unforeseen troubles come our way from time to time. If you or someone you know in the fellowship could use some help, please let Otter know. We may be able to provide support or short term monetary assistance. Confidentiality will be respected.

**Decorah UU Support** - As we continue to find our way through this challenging time, please remember: **if you need help**, let Otter know via phone 563-387-6050 or email otterdreaming@gmail.com. From there, we'll look for someone who can help out while observing current health & safety recommendations, as well as observing confidentiality. We'll all need support of one kind or another during this time. Please don't hesitate to ask.

**Decorah UU Giving** - Decorah UU has set up online payment primarily for donations you might otherwise make in person at fellowship. Go to our [Decorah UU](#) homepage and click on the "Give Online" button, which will take you to the Giving page. There, you'll find the "Donate" button which will send your payment through PayPal. You do NOT need a PayPal account. You'll be asked to choose whether your donation is for **Share-the-Plate** or for **Decorah UU**. You can only choose one, so if you want to donate to both, you will have to repeat the process. You can use a debit or credit card. Below the "Donate" button on the Giving page, you may also consider two options for recurring donations. **Please note:** We deeply appreciate the gracious gifts of our members and friends, whether given on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis. We understand that present circumstances and uncertainty may affect your ability to make a financial commitment to Decorah UU. Know that we value your "gracious gifts" to our fellowship, in whatever form they may be.

**Decorah UU Circles** - Decorah UU Circles are happening! Sometime this coming week you may be contacted by a member of our Fellowship who has agreed to help us stay connected while we are practicing physical distancing. Several Circles have been created with groups of 6 or 7 each, small enough to keep in touch easily. Whether you just make a phone call every so often, or decide to meet via Zoom, or exchange emails about books you are reading, gardens you're planting, or what's for dinner, we can help each other get through this time. When you are contacted, you can find out how you can help. This is a great chance for us to minister to one another in any way we can. Questions: contact sueotte@gmail, or call at 563-419-5396.

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**Decorah UU online** - For more information, please visit our website [Decorah UU](#) or go to our [facebook](#) page.

**Decorah UU Service Archive** - Did you miss a service we conducted by Zoom? Or did you attend but would like to watch it again? You can! Go to [Decorah UU](#). There are two links to our new YouTube channel: a small YouTube icon in the upper right and a button in the middle that says "Watch past services on YouTube." Once on the YouTube channel page, you can choose the service you want to watch. We will try to post the link within one week of each service. Tip: If you want to see the bulletin or other information about the service, you can click on the SERVICE ARCHIVE button on the homepage. From there you can click on a service and then the "read more" link.

**Decorah Community Food Pantry** - The Decorah Community Food Pantry has received a generous response from the community during this time of COVID-19. Individuals, businesses, the Board of Supervisors, and granting agencies have all contributed to our need as we serve growing numbers of individuals with food insecurity. Younger volunteers have stepped up to help so that our older volunteers can avoid risk. When we transition to a different "normal" operation, we'll continue to have financial need in order to purchase an upright freezer. However, currently we just want to express our gratitude.

## Your Joy Is My Joy

Ellen Rockne



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geth - er we live our days. To - geth - er we love this place. In be -  
lov - ed com - mu-ni - ty, we are not a - lone.

