

Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service reflects upon our first two UU Principles The inherent worth and dignity of every person; and Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. Our theme for June is Beloved Community.

Opening Words *The Beloved Community* ...William Sinkford, former UUA President, adapted

Chalice Lighting We light this chalice knowing that it is not enough to merely pray for justice and truth to prevail. Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to be a people who make good on this promise; May we be a Gentle, Angry People, finding the courage to follow our calling.

Opening Song *We are a Gentle, Angry People* ...Holly Near, performed by Lyra McKnight

Land Acknowledgement

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

Silence/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/Patrick Rickey

Reading *Making Justice Real* ...Rosemary Bray McNatt

The Cost of Community

Dr. Guy Nave

Closing Song *If We Ever Needed Love Before* ...Thomas Dorsey, performed by Liz Rog and Daniel Rotto

Extinguishing the Chalice Spirit of Life, May our fumbling tongues be blessed so that chatter becomes prayer and prayer becomes concerted action. May our restless minds be blessed so that insight becomes will and will becomes effective action. May our anxious hearts be blessed so that longing becomes love and love guides our every action. ...Barnaby Feder



Announcements

Thank you to our speaker this morning, **Dr. Guy Nave**, a Professor of Religion at Luther College. His research and teaching focus on the areas of biblical studies, Christianity and social justice, and the intersections of race, religion, and politics. Dr. Nave is currently researching the power, politics, and meaning behind the rhetoric of "change." Nave is an author, public speaker, and blogger who frequently contributes to Luther College's *Ideas and Creations* blog, Sojourners "Commentary" blog series, and is developing a new social media platform called "Clamoring for Change." He received his Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Yale University. Thank you also to our service leaders today: **Sue Otte** and **Beth Wahlberg**. After the service, please treat yourself to a little something, and we'll be in touch again soon.

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. **Note:** An anonymous donor has offered to match up to \$150 in donations to Share-the-Plate for June.

June 14 - No service, as Decorah UU begins its every-other-Sunday summer schedule, following the discussion & vote at our Annual Meeting in May. Please consider connecting with your UU Circle, visiting the UUA [Church of the Larger Fellowship](#), or doing something else that refreshes your spirit.

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. We'll all need support of one kind or another during this time. Please don't hesitate to ask.

Decorah UU Circles - We are practicing physical distancing to stay safe in these times, but that doesn't mean we must be disconnected socially. Check in with folks in your Circle or others as well, and know that together we care for our UU family and friends. Contact Sue Otte if you have questions or comments: sueotte@gmail.com or 563-419-5396.

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 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 UU Board of Trustees - The next meeting of the Board is Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Board members for 2020-2021 are Beth Wahlberg (treasurer), Matthew Alexander, Maggie Hayden, Julie Ohde and Lynn Pleggenkuhle. Many thanks to departing Board members Carolyn Corbin and Bill Pardee for their years of service to the Fellowship.

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

Mail Cheer - Green Iowa Americorps has made a program for people who feel isolated during the pandemic. To give or receive these friendly letters, call *Green Iowa Americorps* at 563-293-5075, or visit the *Decorah & Winneshiek County Mutual Aid Network*.

Decorah Community Food Pantry - The Decorah Community Food Pantry remains open during this time of crisis with clients receiving pre-selected bags of food. All older volunteers have been replaced with younger ones to reduce risk, and a temporary director has been hired. These moves add to operational costs. The need to stay open is clear: just during the week of March 16th, the Pantry served 109 clients with 296 family members, 16 of these being new clients. The numbers are growing as more and more people are laid off. If you can help financially, please send a check to PO Box 26, Decorah, or donate through decorahpantry.org.

Your Joy Is My Joy

Ellen Rockne

Your joy is my joy, your sor - row my sor-row. To -

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