

# Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Today's Service relates to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> UU Principles** The inherent worth and dignity of every person; Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

### Chalice Lighting *In Time of Silver Rain*

...Langston Hughes

In time of silver rain

The earth puts forth new life again,  
Green grasses grow  
And flowers lift their heads,

And over all the plain  
The wonder spreads

Of life, Of life, Of life.

In time of silver rain  
The butterflies lift silken wings  
To catch a rainbow cry

And trees put forth  
New leaves to sing  
In joy beneath the sky.

When spring  
And life  
Are new.



## Opening Songs

...sung by Ellen Rockne

**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

## Breakout Groups

Carolyn Corbin

- 1) What's happening with antiracism in Decorah?
- 2) How can we help children cope during the quarantine?

## Closing Songs

...sung by Ellen Rockne

**Extinguishing the Chalice** We clasp the hands of those that go before us, and the hands of those who come after us. We enter the little circle of each other's arms. And the larger circle of lovers, whose hands are joined in a dance. And the larger circle of all poets, passing in and out of life, who move also in a dance, to a music so subtle and vast that no ear hears it... except in fragments. ...Wendell Berry



## Announcements

**Thank you** to Decorah UU member Carolyn Corbin for leading our short service and first casual-social Sunday today. After the service, please treat yourself to a little something, 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 17** - *The Intersection of Our Moral Commitments and Politics*, with Laura Wright. Karen Esterl, with Sue Otte, service leaders.

**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](mailto:otterdreaming@gmail.com). 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.com](mailto:sueotte@gmail.com), 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

