

Decorah ♦ Unitarian ♦ Universalist ♦ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to our third UU principle Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

Chalice Lighting May this flame, symbol of transformation since time began, fire our curiosity, strengthen our wills, and sustain our courage as we seek what is good within and around us.

...Bets Wienecke

Opening Song *Silk Hat and Walking Cane*

...a video tribute to the composer Florence Price
by Otter Dreaming

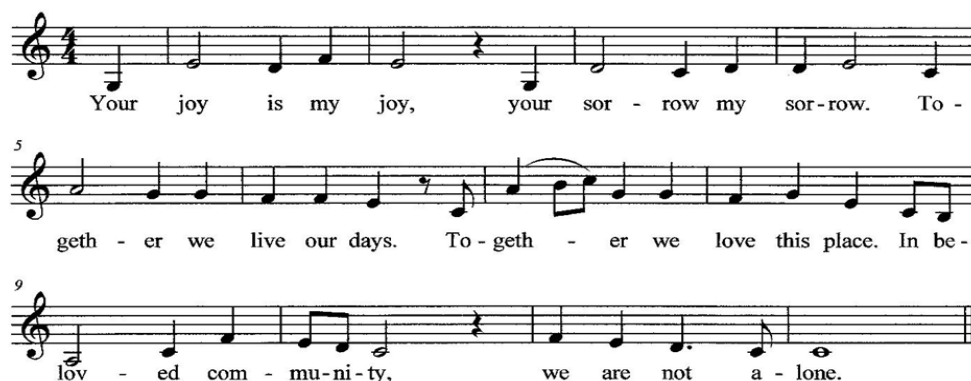
Land Acknowledgement

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

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 *What the Clamoring's For*

...Tracey Robinson-Harris

The Social Determinants of Health

Maryna Bazylevych

Extinguishing the Chalice The Chalice is now extinguished, but its light lives on in the minds and hearts and souls of each one of you. Carry that flame with you as you leave this place and share it with those you know, with those you love and most especially, with those you have yet to meet. ...Brian Kiely



Announcements

Thank you to our guest speaker this morning, Maryna Bazylevych. Dr. Bazylevych has been a professor in the Anthropology department and Women and Gender Studies program since 2010, focusing on the topics of medical anthropology, body and health, and post-socialism. You can learn more about her [here](#).

♦ And thank you to **Carolyn Corbin**, our service leader today, and **Karen Esterl** for service assistance. ♦
After our gathering, please treat yourself to a little something, and we'll be in touch again soon.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for September-October is *NE IA Community Action Corporation (NEICAC)*. To donate to the plate recipient, see Decorah UU Giving, below. Or if you prefer to mail a check, please note "Share the Plate" in the memo line, and mail to PO Box 382, Decorah, IA 52101.

Upcoming Sundays

October 18 - No service.

October 25 - *Day of the Dead*, with Sue Otte.

November 1 - No service.

November 8 - *Self-Forgiveness*, with Loren Toussaint.

Save your treasures for the UU Auction - If you're cleaning out your garage, set aside (and photograph) your special treasures for the UU Auction coming later this year. Each year we auction off our talents, services, homegrown vegetables, homemade goods, arts, crafts, and closet treasures to raise funds for our UU congregation and for our Low Income Heating Assistance Program. This year's auction will be online. For questions: Carolyn Corbin at carolyn@corbingroup.biz or Julie Ohde at littleredkayak@gmail.com.

Mona Quinn - Mona requests prayers as she is in the process of moving to Green Bay. She will dearly miss Decorah and her UU family, but she'll be closer to her children in Wisconsin. She sends her thanks to everyone for cards and other well-wishes during her recent hospitalization. Her new address is Grancare Nursing Center, 1555 Dousman Street, Green Bay, WI 54303. As of Wednesday, she is in Milwaukee, and she reports that everything is going well. Please keep Mona in your thoughts.

Use Your UU Voice - If you're interested in recording a story, poem, or song for upcoming UU services, Carolyn is happy to help you with tech support. Contact carolyn@corbingroup.biz. Ideas: Original songs, stories, or poetry related to UU Principles. Songs, stories, or poems by favorite artists related to UU Principles; children's stories that relate to UU Principles.

Decorah Womxn's March: We Dissent - A march to honor RBG's legacy, to dissent her replacement in 2020, and to rally for equity and justice for all. Saturday October 17. 11:45 a.m. Gather at Mary Christopher Park (east end of Water Street). 12:00 p.m. Slow march through downtown, ending at Winneshiek Courthouse steps for musicians and speakers. WEAR BLACK in reverence to Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Please make your own signs for equity, justice, & democracy. Please keep your signs relevant, short and to the point, and in good taste. (There will be children present.) COVID RULES FOR THE MARCH: MASKS REQUIRED for everyone over 2 yrs old. SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6' or more at all times, unless you are marching with your own family unit/social bubble. IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID, DO NOT ATTEND.

Decorah UU Board of Trustees - The next meeting of the Board is Tuesday, October 13th, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Board members for 2020-2021 are Matthew Alexander (chair), Beth Wahlberg (treasurer), Maggie Hayden, Julie Ohde and Lynn Pleggenkuhle.

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

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 Community Food Pantry - With continuing unemployment and underemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Food Pantry has seen a significant increase in usage. Volunteers and monetary donations are needed to help meet the need. The best way to give money is to write a check to "Decorah Community Food Pantry" and mail it to the Decorah Community Food Pantry, PO Box 26, Decorah, IA 52101 or visit decorahpantry.org. There is a need for diapers, menstrual hygiene products and toiletries. To volunteer, go to [volunteer](#).

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*.