

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 7th UU Principle Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Chalice Lighting *Faith in Summer*

...Ellen Hamilton

In faith, together, we light this small scrap of light,
symbol of Grandfather Sun's enormous power,
whose energy burns so brightly in these days of deep Summer,
catapulting the leaves and vines,
vegetables, flowers and fruits to astonishing size, lengths and heights,
spilling over the tops of cages, walls and trellises,
delighting and nourishing all beings.
We bask in the warmth and the heat of these days,
with lightened hearts and quickened senses, in gratitude and in faith.

Opening Song #16 *'Tis a Gift to Be Simple*, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

...tune: American Shaker

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

...lyrics: Joseph Bracket, 18th c.

Land Acknowledgement

With this Land Acknowledgement, our congregation is engaging in a practice of truth telling and reconciliation. ❖ Northeast Iowa was first home to the Iowa or Baxoje, the Sac and Fox or Meskwaki, The Dakota, and the Ho-Chunk. We recognize the ongoing relationship of Indigenous people to this land and follow their lead as we endeavor to be stewards as we go forward. ❖ Please pause for a moment as we commit our hearts to uplifting, standing with, listening to, and following the lead of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color as we endeavor to create the world in which we want to live.

Joys and Sorrows You may light a votive candle as you share any joys or concerns with the fellowship.

Silence / Response

Your Joy Is My Joy

Ellen Rockne



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

Offering/Response #128 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. ...Findlow/Rickey

Musicophilia and the Interdependent Web of Life

Lyra McKnight

Song #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

...tune: Welsh; lyrics: Peter Mayer

1. Though below me, I feel no motion, Standing on these mountains and plains
Far away from the rolling ocean, Still my dry land heart can say
I've been sailing all my life now, Never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, And the earth is my blue – boat – home.
2. Sun, my sail and moon, my rudder, As I ply the starry sea.
Leaning over the edge in wonder, Casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions, All we kindred pilgrim souls
Making our way by the lights of the heavens, In our beautiful blue – boat – home.
3. I give thanks to the waves upholding me, Hail the great winds urging me on.
Greet the infinite sea before me, Sing the sky my sailor's song.
I was born upon the fathoms, Never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, And the earth is my blue – boat – home.

Song #388 *Dona Nobis Pacem*

...traditional

1. Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
2. Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
3. Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona, nobis, pacem, pacem.

Song #401 *Kum ba Yah*

...African-American

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.
2. Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.
3. Someone's laughing, Lord, kum ba yah. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.
4. Someone's weeping, Lord, kum ba yah. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.
5. Someone's praying, Lord, kum by yah. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.
6. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

Song #1021 *Lean on Me*

...Bill Withers (1938-2020)

1. Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow.
- (Chorus) Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on. (3rd time to Coda)
2. Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow,
For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show. (Chorus)
 3. If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me. (Chorus, then Coda)
- (Coda) Just call on me brother when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

Song #206 *Amazing Grace* ...tune: *Columbian Harmony*; lyrics: John Newton (1725-1807)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a soul like me.

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Song #169 *We Shall Overcome* ...African-American

1. **We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!**
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

2. **We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday!**
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we'll walk hand in hand someday!

3. **We shall all be free, we shall all be free, we shall all be free someday!**
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall all be free someday!

4. **We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday!**
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall live in peace someday!

Extinguishing the Chalice *As Breath to Song* ...Becky Laurent

As flame is to spirit, so spirit is to breath, and breath to song. Though we extinguish the flame in this gathering, may we tend it in our hearts until we meet again.

Closing Song #400 *Shalom Chaverim* ...traditional Hebrew

1. **Shalom, chaverim!**

2. **Shalom, chaverim!**

3. **Shalom, shalom! L'hit-ra-ot, l' hit-ra-ot, shalom, shalom.**



Announcements

Thank you to our presenter today: Decorah UU member **Lyra McKnight**. "I was born and raised in Decorah. I lived in the Twin Cities for 30+ years, where my daughters and granddaughter still live. I moved back two winters ago to help take care of my mom." ❖ Thank you also to **Carolyn Corbin, Sue Otte** and **Beth Wahlberg** for service assistance. ❖ After our gathering, please treat yourself to a little something, and we'll be in touch again soon.

Decorah UU Board of Trustees - Board members for 2021-2022 are Julie Ohde (chair), Beth Wahlberg (treasurer), Maggie Hayden, Lynn Pleggenkuhle and Lyra McKnight. The next meeting of the Board is Thursday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for July-August is [*Sunflower Child Development Center*](#). To donate to the plate recipient, see Decorah UU Giving, below. Or, if sending a check, please note "Share the Plate" in the memo line. Donations may be mailed to Decorah UU, PO Box 382, Decorah, IA 52101. If in person, you can designate the plate recipient on your check or offering envelope. Loose cash or un-designated envelopes in the offering plate go to Decorah UU.

Upcoming Sundays

August 15 - *Bending the Arc of the Universe Towards Justice*, with Carolyn Corbin. In this service, we will reflect on the Unitarian Universalist 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Lyra McKnight, service support. "Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public." - Cornel West.

August 22 - No service.

Invite a friend to UU Services - It's easier now than ever to attend a Decorah UU service because we are (sometimes!) on Zoom! Friends and family can join you on zoom with their video off and watch the services like television. Guests can also join services through chat and video if they wish! We meet every other Sunday. To receive our weekly electronic newsletter as well as invitations to services, sign up via our website, decorahuu.org, clicking on the Contact Us link. If someone does not want to sign up for email but does want to attend a live service, they can do so directly from our website, decorahuu.org, clicking on Zoom Details for Sunday Services under Recent News.

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Decorah Community Food Pantry - Decorah Food Pantry volunteers have received inquiries about the availability of school supplies and we want to offer them to our clients. So once again we are relying on the generosity of the congregations. Members can help by bringing school supplies to the Pantry at 110 Railroad Street every weekday from 8:00 to 3:00 or Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Individual teachers have preferences for supplies, but pens, pencils, folders, three ring binders, notebooks etc are always useful. Donations, designating school supplies, can be sent to PO Box 56, Decorah or at decorahfoodpantry.org.

