

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 UU Principle #4 A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

Chalice Lighting

...Rev. Paul Dodenhoff

For this one hour, Spirit of Life, we let go.

For this one hour, may we let go of our anxieties, our fears, our anger, our self-doubts, our regrets, our petty grievances, and our distractions.

If only for this one hour, let the flame of this chalice burn them from our hearts and minds and light our way to peace and serenity.

For this one holy hour.

Opening Song #268 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

For Easter, in honor of the religious tradition of many of our childhoods

Land Acknowledgement We acknowledge that northeast Iowa was home to peoples whose relationship to this land continues today. I invite you to take a moment for reflection upon the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that have shaped our presence here today and to adopt an attitude of reverence and gratitude for the ongoing resilience of this place and the people who have called it home.

Poems We Love

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; your sorrow, my sorrow. Together we live our days, together we love this place. In beloved community, we are not alone. ...Ellen Rockne

Special Music *Green*

...Karen Savoca

Poems We Love

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

Poems We Love

Closing Song #266 Now the Green Blade Riseth

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again. ...Elizabeth Selle Jones



Thank you to **Ellen Macdonald** for leading our service today, and to **Ellen Rockne** for singing. ❖ Please treat yourself to a little something after the service. And we'll be in touch again soon.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for this March-April is *Winneshie County Habitat for Humanity*. To donate to the recipient, simply designate so on your check or offering envelope. Loose cash in the offering plate goes to Decorah UU.

Decorah UU Board - Board members for 2021-2022 are Julie Ohde (Chair) Beth Wahlberg (Treasurer), Maggie Hayden (liaison to the Nominating Committee), Lynn Pleggenkuhle and Lyra McKnight. The next meeting of the Board is Thursday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.

Decorah Community Food Pantry - The Decorah Community Food Pantry is now under the leadership of our new director, Norah Hummel. She has identified certain items that are in short supply and so once again we're relying on the generosity of congregation members. The following items can either be brought directly to the Pantry all day until 3:00 PM or if there is one, the box at church: canned pork and beans, ketchup, small bottles of laundry detergent or paper towels. For more information about the pantry or to volunteer or donate, consult decorahpantry.org.

Upcoming Sundays

April 24 - YOUTH v GOV: Film Screening. *YOUTH v GOV*, the featured film of Interfaith Power & Light's Faith Climate Action Week, is the story of America's youth taking on the world's most powerful government. Armed with a wealth of evidence, twenty-one courageous leaders file a ground-breaking lawsuit against the U.S. government, asserting it has willfully acted over six decades to create the climate crisis, thus endangering their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property. Decorah UU will host a screening and conversation in celebration of our monthly theme, nature, and of Earth Day.

May 1 - Decorah UU Annual Meeting. After a short service at 10:00 a.m., we'll have our Annual Meeting. We'll send out an agenda, reports and draft budget soon, but for now, please consider the upcoming **elections** for these critical Decorah UU roles:

- **Board of Trustees** (3-year term)
 - Julie Ohde is completing her first term on the Board and is willing to serve another term.
 - Shawn Dettmann is willing to serve on the Board.
- **Nominating Committee** (1-year term)
 - Lalie Madriguera is completing her first term on the Nominating Committee and is willing to serve another term.
 - Jean Daywitt is willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Thank you to our present *Nominating Committee* - Janet Snider & Lalie Madriguera; to our present *Board of Trustees*; and to our new nominees - Shawn Dettmann and Jean Daywitt.

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.

