

Chalice Lighting ...the Rev. Aisha Ansano

Centering Song *Circle 'Round for Freedom* ...Linda Hirschhorn
arr. Saunder Choi, perf. Lelaina Romero & Rev. Mykal Slack
movements by the Rev. Jacqueline Brett

**Circle round for freedom, Circle round for peace.
For all of us imprisoned, Circle for release.
Circle for the planet, Circle for each soul.
For the children of our children, Keep the circle whole.**

Joys and Sorrows You may light a votive candle as you share a personal joy or concern with the Fellowship.

Silent Meditation / 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.** ...Findlow/Rickey

Reflection and Storytelling: Myanmar (Burma)
the Rev. Ned Wight and Myra Dahgaypaw

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Reflection and Storytelling: Climate-Forced Displacement
the Rev. Jacqueline Brett and the Rev. Dr. Kristina Peterson

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Benediction
the Revs. Ned Wight, Jacqueline Brett, & Aisha Ansano

Closing Song *The Tide Is Rising* ...Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman
& Yotam Schachter, arr. Tad Koriath, perf. Debra Hammond
The tide is rising and so are we. (3x)
This is where we are called to be. (2x)
(Repeat above)

The task is mighty... The land is Holy... The world is ready...

Extinguishing the Chalice ...Maddie Sifantus
**We extinguish this flame,
But we keep its light in our hearts,
with its message of love and justice,
Taking it outside these walls to the world we live in,
until we are together again.**



Announcements

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) advances human rights through grassroots collaborations. Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate UUSC Sunday, a single day of learning, support, and action for congregations focused on uplifting UUSC's work. The full worship service, which includes reflection and storytelling by Cristian Guzmán Merlo from Fundación Entre Mujeres (a feminist organization revolutionizing farming practices and gender justice in northern Nicaragua), is available at <https://www.uusc.org/resources/congregations/uusc-sunday>. If you wish to make a financial contribution in support of the UUSC, you can do so via this website or by sending a check to UUSC, PO Box 808, Newark, NJ 07101-0808. Thank you to **Nancy Barry**, service leader; and to **Karen Esterl**, service support.

Decorah UU online - For more information, please visit our website decorahuu.org or go to our facebook page.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for this March-April is *Winneshiek 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, Lynn Pleggenkuhle and Lyra McKnight. The next meeting of the Board is Thursday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. If you wish to attend, please let Otter know.

Next Sunday, April 3 - American Sign Language: An Introduction. April is National Deaf History Month. Previously celebrated from March 13 to April 15, this observation's dates have been changed to lessen its previous focus on schools for the Deaf and to ensure its historical lens encompasses the experiences of all Deaf people, particularly BIPOC Deaf people. As our own congregation observes National Deaf History Month, we will learn some American Sign Language (ASL). Karen Esterl, service leader.

Nominating Committee Request - Maggie Hayden and Lalie Madriguera are looking for another member of our Fellowship to serve with them on the Nominating Committee for the next year. Please contact Maggie if you are available: 913-687-6871.

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

Decorah UU Covid Precautions for In-Person Services

- Masks are required for everyone at this time.
- Please join the service remotely if you:
 - are unvaccinated;
 - have any signs of illness now or in the last five days (feeling "bad," cough, runny nose, fever, headache, body aches, intestinal symptoms, loss of taste or smell, etc.);
 - have known exposure within the last week;
 - have increased vulnerability;
 - Are uncomfortable gathering in public right now.
- **If you have questions or concerns**, please contact a Decorah UU Board member.

Decorah Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Sunday, March 27, 2022

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to our second source Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

...the Rev. Jacqueline Brett

Opening Words

...the Rev. Ned Wight

Opening Song **More Waters Rising**

...Saro Lynch-Thomas

arr. Saunder Choi, perf. UU Santa Monica Vocalists

There are more waters rising. This I know, this I know.

There are more waters rising. This I know.

There are more waters rising. They will find their way to me.

There are more waters rising. This I know, this I know.

There are more waters rising. This I know

There are more fires burning...

There are more mountains falling...

I will wade through the waters. This I know, this I know.

I will wade through the waters. This I know.

I will wade through the waters. When they find their way to me,

We will wade through the waters. This I know, this I know.

We will wade through the waters. This I know.

I will walk through the fire...

I will rebuild the mountains...

Visit https://www.huffpost.com/entry/more-waters-rising-is-the-song-for-our-times_b_5930753ee4b09e7836228fbf for more info.