

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 #2 Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

Chalice Lighting

...Orlanda Brugnola

Flame, friend of our most ancient ancestors, we kindle you now to make you visible in this time. Yet, in truth, you burn always, in the unique worth of each person, in the imagination, in the turning of the heart to sorrow or joy, in the call to hope, and in the call to justice. Burn bright before us. Burn bright within us.

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song #324 *Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads*

Reflections from Braiding Sweetgrass (Kimmerer)

...Sue Otte

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

Three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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."

Reflections from the words of Audre Lorde

...Sue Otte

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

Are You Ready to Move Beyond Land Acknowledgement?

Carol, Carolyn, Sue & Beth

Closing Song #100 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Extinguishing the Chalice We extinguish our chalice, mindful of these moments where we move together in time, as one body seeking to be a presence for good in the world, always searching for ways to make our words and actions truly demonstrate our faith and love for all. Blessed Be.



Announcements

Thank you to our service leaders today, Decorah UU members Carol Hagen, Carolyn Corbin, Sue Otte & Beth Wahlberg ❖ Please treat yourself to a little something after our gathering. And we'll be in touch soon.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for May-June is the **Humane Society of Northeast Iowa**. To donate to the recipient, simply designate so on your check or offering envelope. Loose cash in the offering plate goes to Decorah UU.

Upcoming Sundays

May 29 - Memorial Day Weekend Potluck. Join us for our annual Potluck, this time at Will Baker Park, next to the athletic fields. After a short service, we'll enjoy a meal together. Please bring:

- a dish to share, with serving utensils, if needed;
- your own tableware (plate, cup, flatware);
- a folding chair or blanket, since picnic tables are limited.

Please wear your mask when setting up food/grabbing food - and then take it off when eating. Ellen Macdonald, service leader.

June 5 - *Stumbling over Grace*, at Phelps Park Shelter #1. Our monthly theme for June is grace. As an issue of the *Touchstones Journal* observes, "Grace is not a common term in Unitarian Universalist religious language given its traditional relationship to the divine, as a gift from God." Is grace a relevant term for you? What definition or definitions of grace might be meaningful? During this service, we'll share relevant readings and have table discussions about this topic while we enjoy being outdoors at Phelps Park. Sue Otte, service leader.

It's time for some FUUN! - Our newly created FUUN Committee is organizing its first event: a Summer Solstice celebration. The Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help plan the event. Please contact Lyra McKnight for more information: (651) 955-3192 or lyramcknight@gmail.com.

Decorah UU Covenant Renewal - Another sign of spring...it is Covenant Renewal time at Decorah UU! Please fill out the Covenant Renewal form indicating the ways you wish to support our fellowship in the coming year. If possible, please use the online **Google Form** for simplicity. The paper form is also available if necessary. Both forms are available via recent Decorah UU emails & newsletters, and both will be sent again in the coming week. Thank you - from your Decorah UU Board of Trustees.

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.

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.

Decorah UU online - For more information, please visit our Decorah UU website or 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.

Immigration Working Group - The Guatemalan Basics initiative delivers 50 pound bags of rice and 25 pounds of beans and corn flour tortilla mix to our immigrant families in need. The funding for this program is currently running low. You can help to keep this vital effort going by giving online with credit/debit card through Decorah UCC's website, selecting "Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Guatemalan Basics Fund" from the dropdown menu of funds. To send a check, write it payable to Decorah UCC with "Guatemalan Basics" in the memo line, and send it to Decorah UCC, PO Box 470, Decorah, IA 52101.

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.

