

# Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Today's service relates to Principle #1** The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

**Chalice Lighting** We are here to abet creation and to witness to it, to notice each other's beautiful face and complex nature, so that creation need not play to an empty house. ...Annie Dillard

**Opening Song #170** *We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

## Land Acknowledgement

**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

**Reading** Someday, men and women will rise, they will reach the mountain peak, they will meet big and strong and free, ready to receive, to partake, and to bask in the golden rays of love. What fancy, what imagination, what poetic genius can foresee the potentialities of such a force in the life of men and women. ...Emma Goldman

## Queering the Cure

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

**Closing Song #299** *Make Channels for the Streams of Love*

**Extinguishing the Chalice** Spirit of Life and Love, known by many names and yet fully known by none, we give thanks for this time and this place of renewal. We give thanks for the ability to begin again: after the disaster, after the tragedy, after the loss, after meeting the challenge set before us. Grant us the courage to continue on the journey, the courage to speak up for the wellbeing of others and ourselves and the planet. May we forgive each other when our courage falls short, and may we try again. Grant us hearts to love boldly, to embody our faith and our values in living words and deeds. May our hearts open to embrace humility, grace, and reconciliation.



## Announcements

Thank you to Dr. Jimmy Hoke, assistant professor of religion at Luther College, whose talk *Queering the Cure* is relevant to both our monthly theme of transformation and the coming observation of International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (May 17). Jimmy Hoke's teaching and scholarship use ancient texts (biblical and beyond) to think about questions surrounding theories and experiences of queerness and feminism. Outside of academia, he is an avid swimmer, and consumer of farm-fresh vegetables and good mystery novels. ❖ Thank you also to Nancy Barry, service leader. ❖ Please treat yourself to a little something after our gathering. And we'll be in touch again 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.

**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.

### **Upcoming Sundays**

**May 15 - *Invest in Nursing and Respect Rights to Secure Global Health***. In honor of International Nurses Day (May 12), Decorah UU will listen to the experiences of nurses from our congregation and the wider community. The 2022 theme of International Nurses Day is "Nurses: A Voice to Lead--Invest in nursing and respect rights to secure global health." How can we ensure that nurses get the education and training they need? How do we ensure they are justly compensated for their critical work? What do we mean by "global health," and what roles do nurses play in securing it? Karen Esterl, service leader.

**May 22 - *Beyond Land Acknowledgement, Part 3***.

**May 29 - *Potluck at Will Baker Park shelter***.

**June 5** - Service at Phelps Park Shelter #1. (The Board has approved having an outdoor service at this Phelps Shelter once a month through the summer, on June 5, July 10 and August 14.)

**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.

**It's time for some FUN!** Several fellowship members have expressed an interest in once again holding social activities outside of our Sunday services. If you would like to join the committee to help plan some social gatherings, contact Julie Ohde (563-299-1854 or littleredkayak@gmail.com).

**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 Community Food Pantry** - It's time to honor, to welcome, and celebrate. The Decorah Community Food Pantry board invites members of your congregation to an "open house" at Whalen Cabin, Phelps Park, on Monday, May 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event will honor former staff, welcome the new director, and celebrate all the churches, volunteers, donors, and community members who have supported the Pantry and helped us serve food insecure people. Refreshments will be served. Masks are recommended.

