

Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to UU Principle #2 Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

Chalice Lighting

...Debra Falk

A chalice lit in our midst is a symbol of our liberal faith,
A faith built on the foundation of freedom, reason and tolerance
A faith sustained by acts of kindness and justice
A faith that visions a world flourishing with equality for all her people
A faith that demands the living out of goodness
A faith that requires thoughtfulness
A faith of wholeness.
This tiny flame is the symbol of the spark of all this within each of us.

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song #207 *Earth Was Given as a Garden*

Opening Words

...Karen Esterl

Invest in Nursing and Respect Rights to Secure Global Health

Annastacia Cowles

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

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 #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

Invest in Nursing and Respect Rights to Secure Global Health

Krista Vanden Brink

Reading #578 *The Great Lesson*

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Julie Fischer

Closing Song #148 *Let Freedom Span Both East and West*

Extinguishing the Chalice

...The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

We leave this gathered community,
But we don't leave our connection,
Our concerns, our care for each other.
Our service to each other, to the world, and to our faith continues.
Until we are together again, friends,
Be strong, be well, be true, be loving.



Announcements

Thank you to our speakers today: Anastacia Cowles officially retired 4/23/2022 after 48 years of nursing. She says, "Thank you, Social Security, for kicking in. My nursing career has taken me from my first job at Boston City Hospital during the Roxbury Riots to my last job putting on Band-Aids at Mabel-Canton School. Now, I shall sleep late when I want, drink wine when I want, and not answer my phone."

❖ **Krista Vanden Brink** has worked as a nurse in many different working environments but finds public health to be the most challenging...and yet the most rewarding. She has been employed by Winneshiek County Public Health since 1998 and has been the administrator since 2003. Being able to help take care of people as they live or prepare to die is a privilege and an honor. ❖ **Julie Fischer** was a teacher for 10 years before deciding to become a nurse. As an RN she first worked in renal dialysis, then in a nursing home, a hospital mental health unit, public health nursing, specializing in foreign travel preparations, and finally in a sheltered workshop and two adult day care centers. ❖ Thanks also to **Karen Esterl**, 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.

Upcoming Sundays

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 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: lyramcknight@gmail.com or (651) 955-3192.

