

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 Unitarian Universalist Principles #1 and #2 The inherent worth and dignity of every person; & Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

Chalice Lighting Blessed are we who gather with open hearts, together, in this space, today. Blessed are we: the chalice-lighters of resistance, justice, love, and faith. Blessed are we: the border-crossers, the refugees, the immigrants, the poor, the wanders who are not lost. Blessed are we for this is our Beloved Community, and this is who we are. ...Andrea Hawkins-Kamper, adapted

Opening Song #305 *De Colores*

...trad. Spanish/David Arkin

Land Acknowledgement

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

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."

Reading #586 *The Idea of Democracy*

...Abraham Lincoln

#CelebrateImmigrants

Ruth Palmer

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

Closing Song #302 *Children of the Human Race*

...Thomas Oboe Lee/John Andrew Storey

Closing Words We leave blessed by our connections to one another, to the spirit of life. Walk lightly that you see the life that is below your feet. Spread your arms as if you had wings and could dance through the air. Feel the joy of the breath in your lungs and the fire in your heart. Live to love and be a blessing on this earth. ...Susan Carlson

Extinguishing the Flame We extinguish this flame, but carry its promise into the world. We go from this beloved community, open to life, expecting to love, and prepared to serve.



Announcements

Thank you to our speaker today: Ruth Palmer is a life-long educator who retired as principal at St. Benedict School in 2011. Since then, she has been learning about & advocating for immigrants in the area, including being guardian for two juvenile immigrants as they worked their way to residency. She was a board member for Catholic Charities as they expanded their Immigration Legal Services and is a founding board member for our local Path to Citizenship and the statewide Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice, an affiliate of National Justice for Our Neighbors. She is a manager of the Northwest Iowa Peace and Justice Center's micro-loan program and chair of their monthly Immigrant Working Group meetings. Thank you, Ruth. And thank you to our service leader today: **Carl Peterson**.

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.

Next Sunday, June 19 - Topic: *Juneteenth*. Lyra McKnight, service leader. Karen Esterl, service support.

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.

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.

