

# Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Gathering virtually since 2020!

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Today's service relates to our UU Sources** Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life

### **Chalice Lighting** by Bruce Southworth

For the gift of this day and for our community of spiritual nurture and compassion, we give thanks.

We light this chalice as a symbol of our faith.

May our many sparks meet and merge in communion of heart and soul.

### **Opening Song** #121 *We'll Build a Land*

### **Land Acknowledgement** by Amalia Mesa

**Joys and Sorrows** You may light a votive candle as you share any joys or concerns with the fellowship.

### **Silence / Response**

...Ellen Rockne

Your joy is my joy, your sor - row my sor-row. To -  
5 geth - er we live our days. To - geth - er we love this place. In be -  
9 lov - ed com - mu - ni - ty, we are not a - lone.

**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

### **Origins of the Flaming Chalice** - read by Carolyn

### **Art and Disability Activism** - Julie Russell-Stewart

#### **Extinguishing the Chalice** by Elena Westbrook

Go in hope, for the arc of the universe is long  
and we can bend it toward justice.

Go in courage, for together we have the strength  
to confront injustice in our daily lives and the larger world.

Go in love, because a holy and generous love is both the reason  
and the means by which we transform our lives.



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



**Remembering Mona Quinn** - November 19, 1930-July 2, 2022. Please join us, right after service, this Sunday, October 23, 2022, to enjoy food & fellowship while sharing memories of Mona's life. (Masks optional.)

## Today's Guest Speaker

**Julie Russell-Stewart** is an art and disability activist, printmaker, and poet living in Reinbeck, Iowa. Julie encourages folks to use their voices and be their own kind of unique activist. She is also Chair of the Disability Caucus of the Iowa Democratic Party.

## Announcements

**Share-the-Plate** - Our plate recipient for September/October is the Meskwaki Language Preservation. 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**

**October 30 - *Touching the Roots of Our Ancestors, with Sue Otte.***

**November 6 - *Tentative: Vote Love Defeat Hate: Organizing for the Long Haul***

**Decorah UU Board of Trustees** - Board members for 2022-2023 are Julie Ohde (Chair), Maggie Hayden (Treasurer), Lyra McKnight, Lynn Pleggenkuhle and Shawn Dettmann. The next meeting of the Board is Thursday November 3, 7p at the home of Maggie Hayden.

**Decorah UU Fellowship Coordinator + Accompanist** - Decorah UU has openings for two paid positions: Fellowship Coordinator and Sunday Service Accompanist. This position is approximately 10 hours per week and we are looking for someone to start after October 16. For more information about these positions, please contact Julie Ohde (563-299-1854 or [litleredkayak@gmail.com](mailto:litleredkayak@gmail.com)).

**Decorah FUUN Committee** - Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about a bowling event and Winter Solstice. Contact is [lyramcknight@gmail.com](mailto:lyramcknight@gmail.com)

**Strategies of Hope and Resistance - a discussion series** - Join us in conversations about radical caring in discussion of Geographies of Racial Capitalism with Ruth Wilson Gilmore, facilitated by Dr. Holly Moore. Wednesday, October 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Lingonberry.

**Decorah UU Greeters** - We would like to have a greeter at each service, and more sign-up dates are available. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please complete the **Greeter Sign-Up form**. Greeter duties are detailed in **Decorah UU Greeters**. (There are links for both documents in This Week at Decorah UU.) If you have any questions, please contact Beth Wahlberg or Julie Ohde. Thank you!

**Decorah UU Giving** - We deeply appreciate the gracious gifts of our members and friends, whether given on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis. **Donations can also be mailed to PO Box 382, Decorah, IA 52101.**

**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. 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.

**Decorah UU online** - For more information, please visit our website [decorahuu.org](http://decorahuu.org) or go to our Facebook page.

**Decorah Community Food Pantry** - To raise awareness of our neighbors who are food insecure and to recognize World Food Day, the Decorah Community Food Pantry will sponsor a walk on Sunday, October 23. Participate in this family event by registering at the Pantry (110 Railroad St.) at 1:00 PM with either a free will donation or a non-perishable food item or simply signing as a participant.