

Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

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Gathering virtually since 2020!

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to the 2nd UU principle Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

Chalice Lighting

We light this flame

for those who have been ridiculed, that they may find peace;
for those who have fought to marry, that they may celebrate;
for those who live in uncertainty in the world,
that they may have hope.

We light this flame to celebrate our kaleidoscope of diversity:
working, loving, and living on the side of love.
For this, we light this flame.

...Linda lee Franson, edited



Land Acknowledgement

Opening Words

...Karen Esterl

Opening Song #1014 Answering the Call of Love

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

Silent Meditation / Response

...Ellen Rockne

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 Response after each line is **May we live the Spirit of Pride.**

With gratitude for the freedom to be our true authentic selves...

With the courage that comes from challenging fear...

With sorrow for those who could not be here with us today, and in honor of those who died of AIDS or who lost their lives...

With grief for those whose pain was unbearable and who left us too soon...

Looking ahead to the justice still withheld...

With the confidence that a sense of community banishes isolation and loneliness...

With the rainbow flag flying high, a sense of beloved community among us, and the joy that comes from making new connections...

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

It's Our Revival

adrienne maree brown

Closing Song #323 *Break Not the Circle*

Extinguishing the Chalice

...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.



Announcements

adrienne maree brown, author of *Emergent Strategy* and the Co-Editor of *Octavia's Brood: Science Fiction from Social Justice Movements*, is a social justice facilitator, healer, doula, and pleasure activist living in Detroit. She is a student of emergence, somatics, transformation, and science fiction. She cohosts a podcast called *How to Survive the End of the World* with her sister Autumn Brown, which is where we accessed the recording we'll be listening to today. We'll be listening to a sermon entitled "It's Our Revival," which brown delivered as part of a ritual for personal and collective liberation in celebration of Juneteenth and Pride month earlier this year in New York City. ❖ Thanks also to **Carolyn Corbin**, our service leader today.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for September-October is **Meskwaki Language Preservation**. To donate to the recipient, simply designate so on your check or offering envelope, or place in the labeled envelope in the offering plate.

Upcoming Sundays

October 2 - *Lessons From the Pandemic*, open mic.

October 9 - To be announced.

October 16 - To be announced.

October 23 - *Disability Rights and Art Activism*, with Julie Russell Steuart. Carolyn Corbin, service leader. Following the service, there will be an informal "memorial" social time to honor **Mona Quinn**.

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

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 October 13, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Maggie Hayden.

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.

Decorah Pride - Our UU Fellowship is registered to march in the 2022 Pride Parade next Saturday, October 1st. Parade lineup starts at 2:30 pm, with the parade starting at 3:00 pm. There is a new lineup site this year. Please meet on the west side of Riverside Avenue, pointing south toward Water Street. For additional information or to sign up, please contact Lyra McKnight: email at lyramcknight@gmail.com or text at 651-955-3192. There will be a Party in the Park between the softball field and the tennis courts, near the Farmer's Market after the parade. Look forward to seeing you there!

Strategies of Hope and Resistance - A discussion series. Join us for a discussion on September 28 led by Dr. Holly Moore on "It's Our Revival" by adrienne maree brown. "I believe that all organizing is science fiction - that we are shaping the future we long for and have not yet experienced." - adrienne maree brown. Time: Fourth Wednesdays, September 28 & October 26, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Location: Lingonberry, 218 West Water Street, Decorah.

ICWA - The Indigenous Child Welfare Act will be considered by the Supreme Court this fall. Just like the undoing of Roe v. Wade, chopping ICWA's power to protect Indigenous Children is part of a larger strategy to undermine Democracy. To learn more, see the link in upcoming Decorah UU newsletters for an Indigenous perspective on this topic. If the spirit moves you, you can write a letter to your representatives with a request to ban tear gas use. Read the article to see why this is a strategic request.

Rally Update - The *We Won't Go Back - Rally in Decorah* is scheduled for a new date: Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. at the Water St. Plaza. For more info, contact decorahaction@gmail.com.

Decorah UU Holiday Benefit Auction - As you are cleaning closets and garages, set aside your special treasures for the UU auction.

Growing relationships between Decorah and Meskwaki Folks - the Meskwaki Nation opens Language Preservation to Decorah friends. The Meskwaki Language Primer was first printed in the 1980's. Due to the thriving language program, it is time for a reprinting of the Language Primer book. Those interested in building relations with the Meskwaki Nation can contribute to this project with cash contributions to Meskwaki Language Preservation. "This book is a treasure on so many levels and I think our Meskwaki Language learners will enjoy it," language learner, Shelley Buffalo. See *This Week at Decorah UU* for more info.

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 web-based giving page and 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.

