

Decorah Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, November 27, 2022
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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to all our UU principles

Chalice Lighting read by Sue Otte

At this hour, in small towns and big cities, in single rooms and ornate sanctuaries, many of our sibling Unitarian Universalist congregations are also lighting a flaming chalice.

As we light our chalice today, let us remember that we are part of a great community of faith.

May this dancing flame inspire us to fill our lives with the Unitarian Universalist ideals of love, justice, and truth.

—Judith L Quarles

Opening Song "Principles Song" (sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"), from *Tapestry of Faith*

1. Each person is important.

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We know the Principles.

Each person is important.

2. Each is treated fairly.

3. Acceptance and growth.

4. The search for true and right.

5. Everyone can vote.

6. A free world and peace.

7. Care for living things.

(If you want to sing this song at home, you can add a circle dance: Hold hands in a circle facing inward. Circle left on the odd

numbered verses [1, 3, and 5]; circle right on the even numbered verses [2, 4, and 6]; and raise hands high on the 7th verse.)

Land Acknowledgement read by Ellen Macdonald

Opening Words by Karen Esterl

Reading read by Detra and Shawn Dettman

The Principles

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

Silent Meditation / Response

Your Joy Is My Joy

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.

Reflections on and Ways to Honor Principles 1-4 read by Nancy Barry

Offering / Response #128

Reflections on and Ways to Honor Principles 5-7 read by Julie Fischer

Chalica by Karen Esterl

Closing Song "Rise Up, O Flame" #362

Extinguishing the Chalice read by Beth Wahlberg
**We have basked in the warmth and beauty
of this flame and this community.
As the chalice flame is extinguished,
let us carry its glow within.
Let us kindle new sparks within these walls and beyond.**
– Debra Burrell

Today's Speaker Karen is an applications developer and analyst (aka computer nerd) at Emory University in Atlanta (she telecommutes), but her formal studies have been in religion and English. She majored in both while an undergrad at Furman University and subsequently received her master of theological studies (MTS) in world religions from Harvard Divinity School. She and her spouse, Ellis Arnold, live in Freeport with a dachshund, a cat, and a parrot.

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Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for November - December is Guatemalan Basics. To donate to the recipient, simply designate so on your check or offering envelope. Loose cash in the offering plate goes to Decorah UU.

December 4 - Can we talk about grief? with Kelli Boylen. Our society is bad at grief. Our words are often inadequate, our system of giving someone three days off work for a death is ludicrous, and we often don't even acknowledge the things besides death that need to be grieved. Let's talk about it together! Our speaker, Kelli, understands profound grief and believes sharing her own journey and struggles might help others along their own path.

December 11 - Not Just Foolishly Romantic - Decorah UU will read a sermon by UU Minister Phil Lund. Find out how we can – individually and collectively – behave magnificently in defiance of all hurt and heartbreak around us.

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Decorah UU Accompanist - Decorah UU has an opening for Sunday Service Accompanist. For more information, please contact Julie Ohde (563-299-1854 or littleredkayak@gmail.com).

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.**

Holiday Cheer - We have one family this year, a mother and 10 year old girl. See more details in This Week's newsletter. Deadline is 12/1. Annastacia awc59.5@gmail.com 319.601.1925 Thanks!

