

Decorah Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, December 4, 2022

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to principles 1-4

Chalice Lighting

With full hearts,
we affirm our relationships with one another;
we recognize our agency and our connective power;
and we accept our responsibility to be bold and courageous.
We light this chalice,
symbol of all that we are, all that we have done together,
and all that we will be as our shared ministry encourages those
within, and beyond, our walls.

by Erika A. Hewitt

Opening Words

Land Acknowledgement from Speak Out - The Institute for
Democratic Education and Culture. read by Carolyn

Opening Song #412 Let Hope and Sorrow Now Unite

Reading [Why you want a physicist to speak at your funeral](#) by
Gail Rubin, read by Julie Fischer

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

Silence / 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 / 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

Reading [The Purpose of this Community is to Help Its People
Grow](#), by Erik Walker Wikstrom, read by Julie Fischer

Let's talk about grief with Kelli Boylen

Extinguishing the Chalice *May You Be Changed*

by [Emily Richards](#)

May you leave this time together changed.
May the promises you have made to yourself about who you
want to be
feel closer to the reality of who you are right now.
May you share that feeling of transformation wherever you go.
May it spread into every word, deed, thought, and interaction
Until we are all changed, transformed and transforming together,
becoming our better selves.

Closing Song Turn! Turn! Turn! with Judy Collins, Pete Seeger

To everything (turn, turn, turn)

There is a season (turn, turn, turn)

And a time to every purpose, under heaven

Today's Speaker Kelli Boylen and her husband have two amazing
children. Their daughter is an activist who recently graduated from
college and was married, and their son died seven years ago at age
14. Kelli understands profound grief, and believes sharing her own
journey and struggles might help others along their own path. Kelli
and Scott reside in Allamakee County.

Announcements

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.

Reminder - Chalica starts Monday - Find a Chalica Guide link in your UU This Week December 4 e-newsletter.

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 member-led Winter Book Read - [*My Grandmother's Hands*](#) by Resmaa Menakem. Members of Decorah UU will facilitate small group book discussions starting this January. We will meet 4 times from late January - March. **To join, contact Carolyn at decorahuu.contact@gmail.com**

Holiday Cheer - We have one family this year, a mother and 10 year old girl. See more details in This Week's e-newsletter. Deadline is 12/11. Annastacia awc59.5@gmail.com 319.601.1925
Thanks!

Upcoming Services:

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.

December 18 - *Humanism: Good without God* with UU member Bronze Quinton

December 25 - No Sunday service.

January 1 - Fire Communion

January 9 - The 8th Principle

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.**

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