

# Decorah Unitarian Universalist

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## Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to our UU Principle #4 A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

### Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice on this first day of a new year

Letting go of what has been.

Open and hopeful for what may come;

Renewed, restored, ready,

to live Life fully anew.

May we move forward with intention.

--Lois Van Leer (modified)

Opening Song *The Fire of Commitment*, #1028 in teal

## Land Acknowledgement

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

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.

## Fire Communion, ritual

Reading - a reading from John Saxon, read by Will Fellows

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

Story time *Franklin and Winston: A Christmas that Changed the World* read by Anne Glenn-White

Closing Song *Ring out, Wild Bells* #58 The Living Tradition, grey hymnal

### Extinguishing the Chalice

When we take fire from our chalice, it does not become less. It becomes more.

And so we extinguish our chalice, but we take its light and warmth with us, multiplying their power by all of our lives, and sharing it with the world.

--The Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern



## Announcements

Thank you to Bronze Quinton, today's service leader.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for January - February is the [Senior Citizens Hospitality Center](#) which is undertaking a remodeling project. To donate to the recipient, simply designate so on your check or offering envelope. Loose cash in the offering plate goes to Decorah UU.

**Strategies of Hope and Resistance** - a discussion series. Join us in facilitated conversations about finding joy in the act of resistance.  
**Wednesday January, 25 6-7p, at the Lingonberry**

### Upcoming Sundays

#### **Sunday January 8 - Considering the 8<sup>th</sup> on the 8<sup>th</sup>**

Unitarian Universalism covenants to affirm and promote seven principles, but more than 200 congregations and other UU organizations have adopted an additional 8th principle. This principle calls us to journey toward spiritual wholeness by building a Beloved Community by dismantling racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions. Decorah UU will vote at our 2/19 service whether we wish to adopt this principle. In anticipation of that decision, let's take this opportunity to learn more about it from various sources: Paula Cole Jones, UU ministers, BLUU (Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism), and even a virtual escape room!

#### **January 15 - Let it Be a Dance: A Founders' Day Celebration**

#### **January 22 - Healing racialized embodied trauma based on *Our Grandmother's Hands* by author Resmaa Menackem**

#### **January 29 - Decorah UU Annual Auction** - send your 'gifts' to Julie Ohde at [littleredkayak@gmail.com](mailto:littleredkayak@gmail.com)

**Send suggestions for Share-the-Plate recipients** to Julie Ohde, Decorah UU Chair: [littleredkayak@gmail.com](mailto:littleredkayak@gmail.com)

**Send suggestions** for the weekly Decorah UU e-newsletter to [DecorahUU.contact@gmail.com](mailto:DecorahUU.contact@gmail.com)

**Decorah UU Board of Trustees** - Board members for 2022-2023 are Julie Ohde (Chair), Maggie Hayden (Treasurer), Lynn Pleggenkuhle, Lyra McKnight and Shawn Dettmann. The next meeting of the Board is Thursday, February 9, 4:00 p.m.

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