

# Decorah Unitarian Universalist

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Today's service relates to our UU Principle #8** Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

## Chalice Lighting

As we light this flame of hope,  
May our congregation become a kaleidoscope  
Of souls and people.  
In the presence of this flame,  
In me, in you, in us,  
is an invitation to sit at the table.  
May we tend our Soul Fire  
Through these challenging and trying times  
To open the hearts and minds  
Of all who enter our doors  
- anastasi birosh

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

### 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 -  
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

## Readings

### *Fanny Lou Hamer*

#### **A voice of resistance**

introduced by Carolyn Corbin, discussion to follow. Watch the full video on youtube: "Fannie Lou Hamer Interview 1965"

## Extinguishing the Chalice

If, here, you have found freedom, take it with you into the world.  
If you have found comfort, go and share it with others.  
If you have dreamed dreams,  
help one another,  
that they may come true!  
If you have known love,  
give some back  
to a bruised and hurting world.  
Go in peace  
-Lauralyn Bellamy

## Closing Song #169 We Shall Overcome

### **Fannie Lou Hamer 1917 - 1977 by Debra Michals**

Fannie Lou Townsend Hamer rose from humble beginnings in the Mississippi Delta to become one of the most important, passionate, and powerful voices of the civil and voting rights movements and a leader in the efforts for greater economic opportunities for African Americans.

## Announcements

**Thank you** to Lyra McKnight for playing the piano.

**Share-the-Plate** - Our plate recipient for January - February is the **Senior Citizens Hospitality Center** which is undertaking a remodeling project.

### **Decorah Food Pantry**

The Food pantry is involved in a pasta drive. All donations accepted 8-4:30 110 Railroad Street. All are invited to an annual meeting March 13th 4:30pm at the Spectrum Kitchen.

### **Fundraiser for Ukraine**

Friend of Decorah UU, Maryna is hosting an Authentic Ukrainian meal Wednesday March 1, 11am - 7pm at the Landing and Marketing \$20/meal + free will contributions.

### Upcoming at Decorah UU

**March 5\*** - **"The spiritual practice of hospitality"** with Eric, Min San Thu, from Myanmar. A recent graduate of Luther College, Min San Thu is a returning speaker to Decorah UU. Min San Thu will reflect on the spiritual practice of hospitality in his Buddhist faith. Followed by coffee/social. \*Special 'Bring a friend to UU' service\*

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

**Send suggestions** for the weekly Decorah UU e-newsletter to 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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## Fannie Lou Hamer a voice of resistance