

Decorah Unitarian Universalist

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to the 1st UU Principle

The inherent worth and dignity of every person

Chalice Lighting

We recognize that these are not just words to be spoken; instead, they call us out of our comfort into an ever-deepening commitment: a commitment we make to the rights of all whose inherent worth and dignity are denied, diminished, or destroyed by systems of oppression. And they call us into the practice of looking into our own hearts, with courage and honesty.

- The Rev. Florence Caplow

Opening Song #104 When Israel Was in Egypt's 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 -
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 - Exodus 16

Offering

Offertory #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

Colonialism and Decoloniality

Wanda Deifelt

Closing Song #1021 Lean on Me

Extinguishing the Chalice

Our work has just begun:

The work of radical inclusion.

The work of collective liberation.

The work of this beloved community.

A beloved community of which we are all part.

A place where we are welcomed, respected, valued, cherished.

A place where we belong.

Go in peace. Amen. And blessed be. - Emily Richards (excerpt)

About our speaker: Wanda Deifelt is a Brazilian theologian and has been a professor of religion at Luther College since 2004. She is an ordained Lutheran pastor and has served as theological advisor to many ecumenical organizations, among them the World Council of Churches. Her publications are on embodiment, feminist and liberation theologies, ecumenism and interfaith dialogue, religious pluralism in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the encounter of religion with literature and art. Some of her course topics include Martin Luther and Lutheranism, Christian Theology, and God and Gender.

Announcements

Thank you to Lyra McKnight for playing the piano.

A Celebration of Life for UU member Jim McIntosh will be Saturday, March 18, 2 pm at the Lingonberry with reception afterwards. All are cordially invited.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for March - April is **the Oneota Film Festival**.

Decorah Food Pantry

All are invited to an annual meeting March 13th 4:30pm at the Spectrum Kitchen. Donations accepted 8-4:30 110 Railroad Street.

April 22 *Occupied Wounded Knee 1973* Decorah UU will road trip to Cedar Rapids to visit exhibit *Occupied Wounded Knee 1973* at the History Center. Leaving around 8:30 am from Decorah. Contact Melanie for carpooling information mtietz1959@gmail.com

Upcoming at Decorah UU

March 19 - We contemplate "Accessibility" with Bronze Quinton and Beth Wahlberg

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. Meeting Tues March 14, 4p. Contact decorahuu.contact@gmail.com to join us.

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