

Decorah Unitarian Universalist

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to the 2nd UU source

Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love

Chalice Lighting

We kindle this flame with love for mothers and foremothers past, present, and future;

We kindle this flame in celebration of community and its generations.

We kindle this flame with respect and support for the greater circle of life of which we are all part.--Selena Fox

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song #109 As We Come Marching, Marching

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

Silence Meditation

Prayer / 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 - #573 "Mother's Day Proclamation" by Julia Ward Howe

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

Famous UU Women by Susan Jhirad

DRAMATIS PERSONAE **Narrator:** Lalie Madriguera, **Abigail Adams:** Julie Ohde, **Julia Ward Howe:** Sue Otte, **Frances Watkins Harper:** Julie Fischer, **Clara Barton:** Nancy Barry, **Florence Nightingale:** Karen Esterl, **Lydia Marie Child:** Carolyn Corbin

Closing Song

#212 "We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle"

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this chalice flame,

**daring to carry forward the vision of this free faith,
that freedom, reason and justice**

will one day prevail in this nation and across the earth.--Maureen Killoran

Bio for Susan Jhirad: Susan Jhirad, PhD, is the author of *Dickens' Inferno: The Moral World of Charles Dickens* (Leap Year Press, 2013). She is a lifelong activist in causes such as civil rights, peace, women's liberation and worker's rights and is the head of the worship committee at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford, Massachusetts. In 1969, Susan was one of about 500 student activists who took over University Hall to protest Harvard's role in the Vietnam War. According to an article in *The Harvard Gazette*, "Harvard President Nathan Pusey called city and state police onto campus to remove the protesters, who had vowed nonviolent resistance, and before sunrise the next day about 400 officers in riot gear used what some accounts called excessive force against the students. According to Harvard a *Crimson* article published the following day, 'between 250 and 300 people were arrested in the raid, and nearly 75 students were injured.'" Susan, one of two women on the strike steering committee and a graduate teaching fellow, was arrested, expelled, and

later readmitted to Harvard. She notes, "We got rid of the ROTC, at least for a while. We got an African American studies program [now the Department of African and African American Studies]. Harvard built low-income housing on Mission Hill. We won some of our basic demands. We actually effected social change. It's important for young people to know that change is possible."

Announcements

Thank you to Lyra McKnight for playing the piano.

Share-the-Plate - recipient for Mar/Apr is **the Oneota Film Festival**.

Decorah Food Pantry - Donate at 8-4:30 110 Railroad Street.

One Planet. One People." Worship Service - Today

Join the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the UUA and the Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, President of the UU Service Committee on **Sunday 1pm, March 26, 2023** on Youtube channel: Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist

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

April 2 - "The Grief Train" with Nancy Barry. Grief is a journey, and the vehicle we ride has a speedometer no one can control. This talk will be part memoir, part philosophical wondering, part sympathy and grace for whoever has ridden the Grief Train.

April 9 - Protecting the Source, Inspiring the Future A sustainable future is up to us. Short video followed by discussion. *Awakening the Dreamer* is a workshop shared by Iowa UU Witness and Advocacy Network (IAUUWAN) through [the Pachamama Alliance](#).

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

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Celebrating Women's Herstory Month

with Karen Esterl

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