

## Decorah Unitarian Universalist

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### Welcome and Announcements

**Today's Service relates to the 7th Principle:** Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part; and the newly adopted 8<sup>th</sup> principle of 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. **& Our service draws on our 6<sup>th</sup> Source:** Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

### Chalice Lighting

**#451 Flame of fire, spark of the universe that warmed our ancestral hearth -- agent of life and death, symbol of truth and freedom. We strive to understand ourselves and our earthly home.** ~Leslie Pohl-Kosbau

### Land Acknowledgement

**Opening Song # 175 We Celebrate the Web of Life**

**Joys and Sorrows; 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.

## Indigenous Teachings from the Common Bowl

### Offering/Offertory

## *“Indigenous Stories for Our Time”*

with Decorah UU members Anne Glenn-White and Carol Hagen

**Closing Song: #203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky**

**Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice**

**Earth Steward and Water Protector Pledge**

**Anne Glenn-White** is a retired special education teacher who, as we have come to appreciate, loves children's books and sharing their heart-felt, essential messages with people of all ages.

**Carol Hagen** is a retired clinical social worker who, early in life and in her career, developed an interest in and appreciation for Native/Indigenous peoples, cultures and spiritual teachings.

**Thank you** ~ Thank you to Lyra on piano, Karen on technology and zoom, readers, the coffee brigade, greeters, and everyone for being here.

**find us online:** DecorahUU.org &  
Northeast Iowa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Facebook

## Announcements

**Share-the-Plate - New UU Sound System** for Zoom audio.

**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. See online newsletter for more details. Contact Melanie for carpooling information [mtietz1959@gmail.com](mailto:mtietz1959@gmail.com)

**Decorah UU Outdoors!** We will meet Sunday, May 28 at Phelps Park #3 for a potluck. Phelps #1 on Second Sundays - June 11, July 9, & August 13. Please mark your calendars!

## Upcoming at Decorah UU

**April 23 "*Taking Politics Public*"** This month our congregation is observing the theme of courage. As exploration of that theme, we will use materials from the Unitarian Universalist Association's *Tapestry of Faith* workshop "Taking Politics Public." In 1967 Arlington Street Church held a public, interfaith worship service, during which over 300 draft cards were collected, in direct violation of federal law. Some young men chose to burn their cards during the service. The Vietnam War was divisive for many Unitarian Universalist congregations. While some congregations actively supported draft resistance, provided sanctuary for draft resisters, and worked to help young men establish conscientious objector status, many UUs did not support overtly political actions like the one at Arlington Street Church. This workshop explores the questions that faced UU congregations and the UUA during the time of the Vietnam War, highlighting dilemmas that recur for UUs: How do we handle political dissent or witness in the context of congregational life? Are we able to live with a plurality of political and social opinions within our congregations?

**April 30 - "*Saving the Planet with your Fork!*" with Martha Meyer.** Climate change is overwhelming; most folks prefer to ignore it rather than engage with all the bad news! But there are so many small, beautiful, life-giving steps we can take to reduce

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April 16, 2023

***"Indigenous Teachings for our Time"***  
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anxiety and reorient ourselves as nature lovers and climate warriors. This service, a week after Earth Day, we will take a fun tour of a simple way you can be kind to the earth: plant-based eating! Every day, three times a day, you can make a choice to use your fork to care for the earth. There are so many different gradations of plant based eating; surely one of them will suit you. Our speaker, a plant based eater, has worked with the churches in Evanston, IL (including Evanston's UU congregation) to share how our food choices impact our world. Don't miss this chance to think and talk about delicious food! YUM.

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

### Earth Steward and Water Protector Pledge

I will do my best to honor Mother Earth and all its living beings,  
Including the water and land. I will always remember  
to treat the Earth as I would like to be treated.

I will treat . . .  
the winged ones,  
the crawling ones,  
the four-legged,  
the two-legged,  
the plants,  
trees,  
rivers,  
lakes,  
the Earth

with kindness and respect.

I pledge to make this world a better place by being a steward  
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from Carole Lindstrom "We Are the Water Protectors"

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