

Decorah Unitarian Universalist

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to our monthly theme: Courage

Chalice Lighting

A chalice lit in our midst is a symbol of our liberal faith:

A faith built on the foundations of freedom, reason, and welcome

A faith sustained by acts of kindness and justice

A faith that envisions a world flourishing, with equality for all people

A faith that demands the living out of goodness

A faith that requires thoughtfulness

A faith of wholeness

This tiny flame is the symbol of the spark of all this within each of us. — Debra Faulk

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song

Rightful rage shall now ignite
the torch of truth and justice bright.
Feel the rumble, hear the call,
justice, justice, now for all!
words by Starhawk, tune by Sue Otte

Reading - "The Church and the Draft Resisters"; (part 1) by Jack Mendelsohn

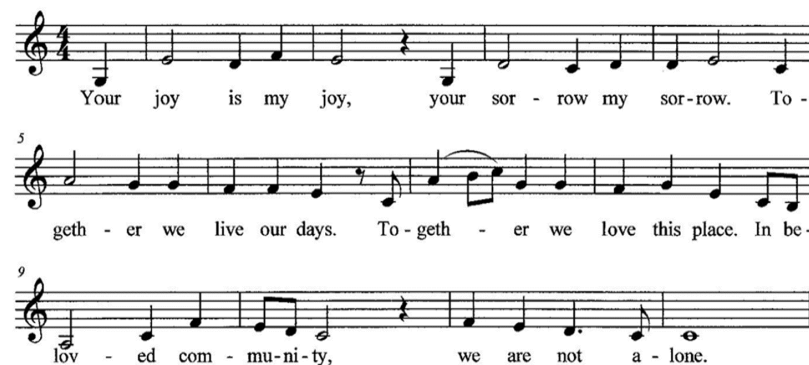
Joys and Sorrows

Silent 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 - "The Church and the Draft Resisters"; (part 2) by Jack Mendelsohn

Offering

Offertory - 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.

Reading- "The Church and the Draft Resisters"; (part 3) by Jack Mendelsohn

Reflection

"Taking Politics Public"

with Karen Esterl

Closing Song

#162 "Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield"

Extinguishing the Chalice

Our time together is finished but our work is not done. May our spirits be renewed and our resolve strengthened as we meet the challenges of the week to come. This chalice flame is extinguished until we ignite it again with the spark of our communion. — Martha Kirby Capo Hey

NOTE: Today's service materials come from Tapestry of Faith: Unitarian Universalist Online Lifespan Curriculum. Visit <https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/adults/resistance/workshop10> for the full content of "Taking Politics Public" workshop. Jack Mendelsohn, who wrote our primary reading today, was the thirteenth senior minister of the historic Arlington Street Church in Boston from 1959 to 1969 and is the author of *Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age: Why I Am a Unitarian Universalist*.

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

Announcements

Share-the-Plate - New UU Sound System for Zoom audio today & April 30.

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 30* - *Saving the Planet with your Fork!* with Martha Meyer.
***Special - invite a friend to service**

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 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.

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Taking Politics Public with Karen Esterl

May 7* - *So, a Mystic Walks into a Pixar Movie...* with guest speaker Rev. Seth Robinson - ***Special - invite a friend to service**
What do a 13th-century Sufi poet, a lay Christian contemplative in the early 1980s, and the 2015 Pixar film *Inside Out* all have in common? A profound respect for the multiplicity of our inner worlds, coupled with spiritual practices for welcoming and attending to the many, at times polarized, parts inside us. The Rev. Seth Robinson will share some reflections on this turn toward internal hospitality that is reshaping his relationships to self, spirituality, and social movements.

May 14 - Decorah UU Annual Meeting

May 21* - *Considering Effective Activism* with Ayla Boylen
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