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**Prelude** - "Mercy Mercy Me" by Marvin Gaye

**Welcome and Announcements** Service Leader, Bronze Quinton

**Today's service relates to UU Principle # 7: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.**

**Chalice Lighting** #478 "A Prayer of Sorrow"

**Opening Song** #38 "Morning Has Broken"

**Land Acknowledgement** by Will Fellows

**Reading** "Genesis" 1:29 - 30 KJV

**Joys and Sorrows:** You may light a votive candle as you share your joys and/or concerns with the fellowship.

**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.

**Reading** "Genesis" 2:5 - 9

**Offering / Response** #128 "For All That is Our Life"

# "Saving the Planet with Your Fork" with Martha Meyer

**Closing Song** #163 "For the Earth Forever Turning"

**Extinguishing the Chalice** "Earth Steward and Water Protector Pledge" modified from "We are the Water Protectors"

**"I will do my best to honor Mother Earth and all her living beings, including the water and land. I will always remember to treat the Earth as I would like to be treated....the winged ones, the crawling ones, the four and two legged ones, the plants, trees, rivers, lakes, the Earth.....with kindness and respect."**  
by Carole Lindstrom

**Thank you** ~ Thank you to Lyra on piano, Bronze for service leading, Karen on zoom/tech, readers, coffee brigadiers, greeters, and everyone for being here.

Thank you to our speaker, Martha Mayer. A plant based eater, Martha has worked with the churches in Evanston, IL (including Evanston's UU congregation) to share how our food choices impact our world.

## **Announcements**

**Share-the-Plate - New UU Sound System** for Zoom audio, today is the last day to give!

**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

**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 (she/they)** **\*Special - invite a friend to service**

There are so many pressing issues facing our state, country, and world. Deciding where to start, and where your energy is most effective is something anyone getting involved has to consider. Ayla will share their thoughts and experiences on activism and mutual aid in their community, and their journey to where they are today. Ayla Boylen is a local activist for climate justice and mutual aid who brings their art background into all of their work. Ayla is the President of Our Future, a local non-profit, holds a leadership role in the local chapter of the NAACP Environmental Justice Committee and works with Buffalo Rebellion, a state-wide coalition of climate justice advocates. They are also involved in the establishment and operation of several community-shared gardens.

**May 28 - Decorah UU potluck** gathering at Phelps Park Shelter #3. Bring a dish to share, beverage, table service.

**June 4 - Decorah UU celebrates 100 years of the UU Flower Service**, with Beth Wahlberg.

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