

# Decorah Unitarian Universalist

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Today's Service relates to:** Decorah UU's newly adopted 8th Principle - 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.

### **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:** "Mother Earth Song" by member Lalie Madriguera

### **Land Acknowledgement**

#### **Joys and Sorrows**

**Silent Meditation - Prayer/Response:** Your Joy is My Joy

## 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.

## Offering and Offering #128

## ***"Awakening the Dreamer - Protecting the Source, Inspiring the Future"***

The future is not something that's just going to happen to us, but rather something that we are going to actually create. 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) Find more at Pachamama.org

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

#### **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)

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

### **Announcements**

**Share-the-Plate** - recipients for Mar/mid April is **the Oneota Film Festival**. April 16, 23, 30 is the **Decorah UU Sound System** for zoom.

**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](mailto:mtietz1959@gmail.com)

## Upcoming at Decorah UU

**April 16 "Indigenous Teachings for our Time" with Carol Hagen and Anne Glenn-White** Readings, an extended land acknowledgement, and stories for the next generation impart wisdom and essential teachings for humanity's shared future.

**April 23 "Taking Politics Public" with Karen Esterl.** 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 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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April 9, 2023

*Awakening the Dreamer - Protecting  
the Source, Inspiring the Future*  
with Carolyn Corbin

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### **Decorah UU Board**

meets Thursday, April 13, 4:00.

Contact Julie Ohde to join the meeting or add to the agenda

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