

Call to Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

We light our chalice in honor of all who no longer walk this earth with us: teachers, mentors, partners, parents, friends, and all who we hold dear who have loved and nurtured us, making it possible for us to become who we are. Blessed be their memory.

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song

Love Take a Walk With Me

Love Take a Walk with me (X3) And spirit guide my feet
Friends...Hope...Grief...Peace

Reading #720 We Remember Them

Joys and Concerns You may light a votive candle as you share any personal joys or concerns with the Fellowship

Silence/Response As one body, we rejoice in each other's blessings, and we grieve with one another where there is sorrow. May we all be surrounded by the comfort, love, and peace that community brings.

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/Rickey

Reading "The Season of Forgiveness" Leslie Takahashi

Forgiving Our Ghosts: Making Peace with the Ancestors Who are Hard to Love

Sue Otte

Closing Song "I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is over,
I'll fly away

To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away

Chorus:

I'll fly away, Oh, Glory, I'll fly away

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by

I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have grown,

I'll fly away.

Like a bird whose prison bars has flown,

I'll fly away.

Chorus

Just a few more weary days and then

I'll fly away

To a land where joys shall never end

I'll fly away

Chorus X 2

Extinguishing the Chalice Fire

We extinguish this flame, knowing that forgiveness can light our way into a more peaceful future. As we adopt an attitude of forgiveness toward our ancestors and ourselves, may love teach us to cherish the ever-unfolding new beginnings.

Go in peace. Blessed be!

Thank you to our speaker today: Sue Otte, a founding member of Decorah UU, continues to enjoy creating rituals which respect our heritage while remaining relevant to our ever-changing present. Inspired by a favorite poet, Marge Piercy, Sue tries to imagine new ways of being in the world, honoring our history, and reaching out to make our circle wider still. As Piercy says, if we cannot bless it, we must make it new.

Thank you to: Lyra McKnight for music, Karen for zoom tech, board members, FUUN members, website and facebook posters, coffee brigadiers, and everyone for being here.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for September/October [Indian Land Tenure Foundation](#) **"Indian Lands in Indian Hands"** To donate to the plate recipient, you can give at [DecorahUU.org](#). Or, if sending a check, please note "Share the Plate" in the memo line. Donations may be mailed to Decorah UU, PO Box 382, Decorah, IA 52101.

Upcoming at Decorah UU

November 5 - "Evaluation is an Act of Self-Love" - Providing honest, caring, and timely feedback is essential to nurturing trust. That's why we believe Evaluation is an act of Love. Decorah UU will utilize [sidewithlove.org](#) "Skill-Up" materials.

November 12 - lay-led service at Decorah UU

November 19 - "Becoming Indigenous to Place: Our journey with Land Acknowledgements, and a path forward, illuminated by Robin Wall Kimmerer and Eddie Benton-Banai." with Carol Hagen

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