

though the origin of this name is derogatory, meaning people of the "dirty water") ❖ peoples whose relationship to this land continues today. I invite you to take a moment for reflection upon the many leg-acies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that have shaped our presence here today and to adopt an attitude of reverence and gratitude for the ongoing resilience of this place and the people who have called it home.

**Litany** ...the Revs. Ali K.C. Bell, Anya Sammler-Michael & Ashley Horan; the Rev. Dr. Rodney Lemery; and Lauren Wyeth

The Rev. Ali K.C. Bell (he/they/Ali) lives into his faith values by strengthening the interdependent web through prophetic ministry, service in the margins, and loving the hell out of the world. He is a Chaplain Resident at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, where he lives with his partner and two children.

The Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael (she/her) serves in a co-ministry with a staff team among incredible leaders in a mission centered congregation that has passed the eighth principle. She works to embody the liberation and love she preaches and is helped by the grace of a theology of imperfection.

The Rev. Dr. Rodney Lemery (he/him) serves Mount Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Walnut Creek, California, as its part-time justice minister. He also volunteers as a correctional chaplain in the neighboring Solano County.

Lauren Wyeth, CRE (she/her) has served as Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at First Universalist Church of Minneapolis since 2012. Lauren believes in leveraging our Unitarian Universalist theology to shape communities that value authenticity, interdependence, and liberation.

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

**Silent Meditation / Response** **Your joy is my joy; your sorrow, my sorrow. Together we live our days. Together we love this place. In beloved community, we are not alone.** ...Ellen Rockne

**Offering / Offertory** #95 *There Is More Love Somewhere*  
*Singing the Living Tradition* ...the Rev. J.Q. Henry

**Sermon** the Revs. Ali K.C. Bell & Anya Sammler-Michael

**Extinguishing the Chalice** ...E.N. Hill  
E.N. Hill (all pronouns welcome) is a military veteran, a social justice activist, a spoken word artist, and an aspiring Unitarian Universalist minister. In the near future, E.N. plans to publish an anthology of poetry and short stories detailing their mystical journey of connecting with their ancestors and God.

**Closing Song** #1018 *Come and Go with Me*  
*Singing the Journey* ...the Rev. J.Q. Henry



### **Announcements**

*Side with Love* extends special thanks to The Rev. Duncan Teague, David Thurman, Lori Stone, and the congregation of Abundant LUUV in Atlanta, Georgia, for their generosity, talent, technical support, and use of their equipment; and to Erin Scott, Graphic & Content Specialist, White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church, Mahtomedi, MN for editing and video production. The full worship service, including a behind-the-scenes conversation, is available online at <https://sidewithlove.org/side-with-love-sunday-worship-2022>. **Thank you** also to **Julie Fischer**, service leader; and to **Karen Esterl**, service support. ❖ After our gathering, please treat yourself to a little something, and we'll be in touch again soon.

**Share-the-Plate** - Our plate recipient for January-February is *The Raptor Resource Project*. RRP's mission is to preserve and strengthen raptor populations, expand participation in raptor preservation, and help foster the next generation of preservationists. To donate to the plate recipient, see Decorah UU Giving, below. 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 Sundays

February 27 - No service.

March 6 - *Going Beyond Land Acknowledgements*, with Carolyn Corbin, Beth Wahlberg, Carol Hagen and Sue Otte.

March 13 - No service.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee** - Carolyn invites others to join her in the creation of a *Decorah UU Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee*. If you are interested, please email Carolyn at carolyn@corbingroup.biz.

**Decorah UU Board of Trustees** - Board members for 2021-2022 are Julie Ohde (Chair) Beth Wahlberg (Treasurer), Maggie Hayden, Lynn Pleggenkuhle and Lyra McKnight. The next meeting of the Board is **Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please let Otter know.

**Member Emergency Fund** - Unforeseen troubles come our way from time to time. If you or someone you know in the fellowship could use some help, please let Otter know. We may be able to provide support or short term monetary assistance. Confidentiality will be respected.

**Decorah UU Support** - As we continue to find our way through this challenging time, please remember: if you need help, let Otter know via phone 563-387-6050 or email otterdreaming@gmail.com. We'll all need support of one kind or another during this time. Please don't hesitate to ask.

**Decorah UU online** - For more information, please visit our Decorah UU website or go to our facebook page. support of one kind or another during this time. Please don't hesitate to ask.

### Decorah UU Covid Precautions for In-Person Services

- Masks are required for everyone at this time.
- Please join the service remotely if you:
  - are unvaccinated;
  - have any signs of illness now or in the last five days (feeling "bad," cough, runny nose, fever, headache, body aches, intestinal symptoms, loss of taste or smell, etc.);
  - have known exposure within the last week;
  - have increased vulnerability;
  - Are uncomfortable gathering in public right now.
- **If you have questions or concerns**, please contact a Decorah UU Board member.

# Decorah Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Today's Service relates to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Source** Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love

### Call to Worship

...the Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick Gray

The Rev. Susan Frederick Gray (she/her) is the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). During her tenure, she has been most proud of the Association's ongoing response to the pandemic, the centering of antiracist work, and the national impact of UU the Vote.

### Chalice Lighting

...the Rev. Ashley Horan

The Rev. Ashley Horan (she/her) serves as the Organizing Strategy Director at the UUA, where she leads the team that holds all the outward-facing justice work of our Association under the banner of Side With Love. She lives in Minneapolis with her partner, the Rev. Karen Hutt, and their two young children.

### Opening Song #1040 Hush *Singing the Journey* ...the Rev. J.Q. Henry

The Rev. J.Q. Henry (he/him) is an ordained Church of God In Christ minister, movement organizer, and leading scholar in Black Church Studies and hymnody of the Christian Church. He is a graduate of Morehouse College, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Emory University.

**Land Acknowledgement** Knowing that land acknowledgement is but one way in which we enact the much larger project of decolonization and reconciliation, we acknowledge that northeast Iowa was home to ❖ the Ioway, whose traditional name is Baxoje ❖ the Sac and Fox - the Fox's traditional name is Meskwaki ❖ the Dakota ❖ and the Ho-Chunk (sometimes called Winnebago,