

Decorah ❖ Unitarian ❖ Universalist ❖ Fellowship

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Gathering virtually since 2020!

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to our 2nd Principle Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

Song *7 Teachings*

...Thomas X, featuring Brendan Strong

Chalice Lighting

...Frances Koziar

We light this chalice today as a people dedicated to personal growth. May it burn away the oppressions we have been taught, and glow instead with the humility of learning. May it reignite our dreams for a better world, and kindle our joy for simple living. May its warmth extend out into the forgotten alleyways of exclusion, and bring us home to love, to welcoming, and to all the challenges, the questions, and the blessings of this beautiful path to becoming a beloved community.

Land Acknowledgement We acknowledge that NE Iowa was home to peoples whose relationship to this land continues today: the Ioway (whose traditional name is Baxoje "bah-kho-dzhe") ❖ the Sac and Fox (the Fox's traditional name is Meskwaki) ❖ the Dakota ❖ and the Ho-Chunk. We acknowledge our sad history of broken treaties and the forced migration of indigenous peoples. We are grateful for the way this land supports and sustains our lives and thus also express our appreciation for the stewardship of this land by its prior inhab-itants: indigenous, migrant, and immigrant. May the values of reciprocity and truth-telling, still so vital to indigenous culture, inspire us as we seek a path of peace and justice in our lives together.

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

Silence / 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 / Response 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

Readings from the Common Bowl *7 Grandfather Teachings*

Intro to Video

...Carol Hagen

Moving Beyond Land Acknowledgements & Token Representations

Dr. Adrienne Keene, with Land Acknowledgement by Amalia Mesa

Reflections and Sharing

...Carol Hagen

Extinguishing the Chalice

...Samuel A Trumbore

Go forth in simplicity.

Find and walk the path that leads to compassion and wisdom,
that leads to happiness, peace and ease.

Welcome the stranger and open your heart to a world in need of healing.

Be courageous before the forces of hate.

Hold and embody a vision of the common good that serves the needs of all people.

Song *Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire*

...trad. English; Hal Hopson



Announcements

Thank you to Carol Hagen, Beth Wahlberg, Sue Otte, and Carolyn Corbin for today's service.

Decorah UU online - For more information, please visit our website decorahuu.org or go to our facebook page.

Collective Action for Racial Equity - CARE will be meet Tuesday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Decorah Public Library. The topic is anti-racist kiddos: Tips for white parents on how to talk to kids about race.

Share-the-Plate - Our plate recipient for this March-April is *Winneshiek County Habitat for Humanity*. To donate to the recipient, simply designate so on your check or offering envelope. Loose cash in the offering plate goes to Decorah UU.

Decorah UU Board - 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 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.



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