

Decorah Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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The Lingonberry

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to UU Principle 7 Respect for the inter-dependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Chalice Lighting May this flame we light remind us that every one of us can bring the light of love to the world. May this clear flame be a symbol that every heart can burn bright with joy, peace, and harmony. May the wisdom of ages speak to us through this flame and stay in us. Every one of us can be a blessing to the world. ...Peter Samojsky

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song #29 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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

Reading #465 *The Wisdom to Survive*

Offering *Mother Earth's Song* ...Lalie Madriguera

Offertory 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

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Closing Song #82 *This Land of Bursting Sunrise*

Extinguishing the Chalice

...Martha Kirby Capo

Our time together is finished but our work is not done. May our spirits be renewed and our resolve strengthened as we meet the challenges of the week to come. This chalice flame is extinguished until we ignite it again.



Announcements

Thank you to **Karen Esterl** for leading our service today. ❖ Please treat yourself to a little something after our gathering. And we'll be in touch again soon.

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 (liaison to the Nominating Committee), Lynn Pleggenkuhle and Lyra McKnight. The next meeting of the Board is Thursday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.

May 1 - Decorah UU Annual Meeting. After a short service at 10:00 a.m., we'll have our Annual Meeting. We'll send out an agenda, reports and draft budget soon, but for now, please consider the upcoming **elections** for these critical Decorah UU roles:

- **Board of Trustees** (3-year term)
 - Julie Ohde is completing her first term on the Board and is willing to serve another term.
 - Shawn Dettmann is willing to serve on the Board.
- **Nominating Committee** (1-year term)
 - Lalie Madriguera is completing her first term on the Nominating Committee and is willing to serve another term.
 - Jean Daywitt is willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Thank you to our present *Nominating Committee* - Janet Snider & Lalie Madriguera; to our present *Board of Trustees*; and to our new nominees - Shawn Dettmann and Jean Daywitt.

Decorah UU Covenant Renewal - Another sign of spring...it is Covenant Renewal time at Decorah UU! Please fill out the Covenant Renewal form indicating the ways you wish to support our fellowship in the coming year. If possible, please use the online **Google Form** for simplicity. The paper form is also available if necessary. Thank you - from your Decorah UU Board of Trustees.

It's time for some FUN! Several fellowship members have expressed an interest in once again holding social activities outside of our Sunday services. If you would like to join the committee to help plan some social gatherings, contact Julie Ohde (563-299-1854 or littleredkayak@gmail.com).

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 Community Food Pantry - It's time to honor, to welcome, and celebrate. The Decorah Community Food Pantry board invites members of your congregation to an "open house" at Whalen Cabin, Phelps Park, on Monday, May 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event will honor former staff, welcome the new director, and celebrate all the churches, volunteers, donors, and community members who have supported the Pantry and helped us serve food insecure people. Refreshments will be served. Masks are recommended.

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