

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.

**Joys and Sorrows** You may light a votive candle as you share a personal joy or concern 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** **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

## **American Sign Language: An Introduction**

Lee Pool

**Closing Song** #61 *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

**Extinguishing the Chalice** ...Aisha Hauser and Susan Lawrence  
**We are Unitarian Universalists.  
With minds that think, Hearts that love,  
And hands that are ready to serve.  
Together we care for our Earth,  
And work for friendship and peace in our world.**



### **Announcements**

**Thank you to our guest speaker today: Lee Pool** lives in New Hampton with his wife, Lisa. He is in his fourteenth year of working for Keystone Area Education Agency as teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He previously worked in SE MN. He has a Master's in Special Education with a concentration in Deaf Education from the University of Minnesota. Lee taught ASL at NICC (Northeast Iowa Community College) for ten years. ❖ Thank you also to Karen Esterl, service leader; and to Beth Wahlberg, service support. ❖ Please treat yourself to a little something after the service. 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.

**Janet Snider's Family** - Please keep Janet and her family in your thoughts. Janet is caring for her son and his spouse following their recent kidney transplant / donor surgery.

### **Upcoming Sundays**

**April 10 - *Beyond Land Acknowledgement Part 2***, with video of Winona LaDuke at UUA.

**April 17 - *Poems We Love***. Many times we've hosted conversations about books we love. In honor of National Poetry Month, let's share our favorite poems. You can send the poem(s) you'd like to share ahead of the service to [otterdreaming@gmail.com](mailto:otterdreaming@gmail.com) if you'd like people to be able to read along, or you can simply read to the gathering during the open mic portion of the service.

**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 Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.

**Nominating Committee Request** - Maggie Hayden and Lalie Madriguera are looking for another member of our Fellowship to serve with them on the Nominating Committee for the next year. Please contact Maggie if you are available: 913-687-6871.

**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](mailto:otterdreaming@gmail.com). We'll all need support of one kind or another during this time.

## 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.

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

**Decorah Community Food Pantry** - The Decorah Community Food Pantry is now under the leadership of our new director, Norah Hummel. She has identified certain items that are in short supply and so once again we're relying on the generosity of congregation members. The following items can either be brought directly to the Pantry all day until 3:00 PM or if there is one, the box at church: canned pork and beans, ketchup, small bottles of laundry detergent or paper towels. For more information about the pantry or to volunteer or donate, consult [decorahpantry.org](http://decorahpantry.org).

**Mail Cheer** - Green Iowa Americorps has made a program for people who feel isolated during the pandemic. To give or receive these friendly letters, call *Green Iowa Americorps* at 563-293-5075, or visit the *Decorah & Winneshiek County Mutual Aid Network*.

## Decorah Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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### Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to our second principle Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

Chalice Lighting Leave aside the little thoughts that distract you, for this place, like all places, is a holy place, and now, like all times, is a holy time. Join with this community of seekers, and together, let us find.  
...John Gibb Millspaugh

### Opening Words

Opening Song *Circle 'Round for Freedom* ...Linda Hirschhorn  
**Circle round for freedom, Circle round for peace.**  
**For all of us imprisoned, Circle for release.**  
**Circle for the planet, Circle for each soul.**  
**For the children of our children, Keep the circle whole.**

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 peoples whose relationship to this land continues today: ❖ the **Ioway**, whose traditional name is **Baxoje** ❖ the **Sac and Fox**--the Fox's traditional name is **Meskwaki** ❖ the **Dakota** ❖ and the **Ho-Chunk**. I invite you to take a moment for reflection upon the many legacies of violence, displacement,