

Decorah Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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Welcome and Announcements

Today's service relates to UU Principle 1 The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Chalice Lighting ...The Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom
When we light our chalice, everyone focuses on the flame. Yet it is the paraffin of the candle, the cotton of the wick, the potassium chlorate and sulfur of the match, and the oxygen in the air around us that makes that flame possible. As leaders we are not called to be a lone beacon on a hill. Rather, we are meant to work together so that we might, together, shine.

Land Acknowledgement 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. 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 inhabitants: 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. I invite you to take a moment for reflection upon the many legacies 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.

Opening Words

Opening Song #1014 *Answering the Call of Love*

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

Reading *The Power of Language, the Language of Power*" (excerpt)
...The Rev. Devorah Greenstein

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

What's Next?

Mike Meirick

Extinguishing the Chalice It is our work, shared with each other in covenant, that creates and sustains this beloved community. We extinguish this chalice, but its light lives on in the directions we have chosen today. The light of this faith lives on in us, together, in our hearts, minds, bodies and spirits. Amen and Blessed Be. ...The Rev. Krista Taves

Closing Song #1053 *How Could Anyone*



Announcements

Thank you to our guest speaker today: **Mike Meirick** is executive director of the Spectrum Network. Spectrum's mission is to help individuals with cognitive disabilities, mental illness, and other barriers to independent living enter the workforce and the community. It provides multiple services, including supported community living, prevocational training, community-based employment services, and a day habilitation program. Thank you also to Karen Esterl, service leader.

Next Sunday, March 27 - A Personal Perspective on the 2022 Invasion of Ukraine, with Maryna Nading. Maryna, a native of Ukraine, will talk about her personal experiences and current information that she knows from her family and friends in Ukraine.

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.

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.

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, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

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 website decorahuu.org or go to our facebook page.

UUA 2022 General Assembly, Portland, Oregon - If you are interested in being a **Decorah UU delegate** to the UUA's 2022 Annual Meeting, June 22 - 26, online or in-person, or if you'd simply like to attend, please let a Board member or Otter.

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