

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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The Symbol Tree

December 15, 2013



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: Santa Lucia procession

Santa Lucia Girl – Jesse Cooper-Whitehead
Star Boy – Loren Pawelski

Welcome and Announcements: Karen Deaton

Story for All Ages: Read by Jane Richards

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Opening Words #580 (SLT): “The Task of the Religious Community”

***Hymn #360 (SLT):** “Here We Have Gathered,”
accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Welcoming New Members

Chalice Lighting: Global Chalice Lighting for December

Just as the sun bathes us in light, its warmth and its love, so
may the spirit of this chalice bless us with truth, life, and
love.

– Derek McCullough

Submitted by the Australian and New Zealand Unitarian
Association

Symbol Tree Sharing

Offering & Offertory: “Advent Meditation,” arranged
by Patrick M. Liebergen. Sung by the Prairie Choir.

***Hymn #128 (SLT):** “For All That Is Our Life”

Closing Words:

Everybody is a story. When I was a child, people sat
around kitchen tables and told their stories. We don't do
that so much anymore. Sitting around the table telling
stories is not just a way of passing time. It is the way the
wisdom gets passed along. The stuff that helps us to live a
life worth remembering.

– Rachel Naomi Remen

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we meet again.

Greet Your Neighbor

*please stand as you are able.

**please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows
those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

Announcements

Today's flowers are in memory of William Hull
and Barbara Steinau.

The next Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held
on Monday, January 20, at the home of Ray
Nashold, 5410 Esther Beach Rd. Please bring a
dish to pass if you can – everyone is welcome!
Call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more
information or to arrange a ride.

The Prairie Elders will meet on December 31!
The final scoop: meet in the regular room (Nakoma
Room, Heritage Oaks Building, Oakwood Village
West) from 1:00 to 3:30pm. Call Rosemary
Dorney for more information.

Annual HumanLight Holiday Party at Prairie
12/21. Next Saturday the Humanist Union is
sponsoring our annual holiday party. We will start
gathering at Prairie at 5 pm for refreshments and
conversation, with a family potluck beginning at
5:30. Around 6:30 we will be entertained with
music by the Continental Drifters (Ruth Calden and
Rosemarie Lester). Then we will all have a chance
to sing seasonal songs, some from the repertoire of
the Raging Grannies of Madison and some from the
HumanLight songbook. We will conclude with a
little folk dancing to recorded music if there is
interest. All Prairie members and friends are
invited, including any friends or relatives visiting
from out of town.

Prairie UU Society Bond of Union

*We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves
together in a religious community which affirms that we
share a common humanity, that we need one another, and
that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together
we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our
sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities.
We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our
sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our
quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. As the
prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us
reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and
with one another.*

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Prairie Calendar

Sunday, December 15, 2013

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – Symbol Tree
11:30 Potluck – Family Favorites

Monday, December 16, 2013

7:00 Program Committee meets

Saturday, December 21, 2013

5:00 HumanLight Celebration

Sunday, December 22, 2013

10:00 Service – “Following Yonder Star”

Sunday, December 29, 2013

10:00 Service – “Letter to My Grandchildren,” by
Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

3:00 Prairie Elders meet

Saturday, January 4, 2014

9:00 PrairieWOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, January 5, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – “What 3 People Would You Want
to Have a Meal With?”
12:00 Humanist Union meets
5:30 Prairie Men's Group meets

Sunday, January 12, 2013

10:00 Service – “Our First Principle – Some
Philosophical Thoughts on Personhood”
11:30 Prairie Book Club meets

Sunday, January 19, 2013

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – “The Wisdom of Martin Luther
King, Jr.”

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Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Next week's service:
“Follow Yonder Star”

