

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## "Our First Principle -- Some Philosophical Thoughts on Personhood," by Matt Tedesco.

January 12, 2014

### Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** "Katjuscha," a Russian folk song. Performed by the Continental Drifters, Ruth Calden and Rosemarie Lester.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Christina Klock

**\*\*Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Opening Words:**

"We have found the definition of person, namely, the individual substance of a rational nature."

– Boethius in early 6<sup>th</sup> century CE

**\*Hymn #2 (SLT):** "Down the Ages We Have Trod," accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

**Chalice Lighting:**

May this flame,  
symbol of transformation since time began,  
fire our curiosity,  
strengthen our wills,  
and sustain our courage  
as we seek what is good within and around us.

**Story for All Ages:** "Stories to Solve"

**Singing the Children Out:** "Farewell Good Friends"

**\*\*Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** "Our First Principle -- Some Philosophical Thoughts on Personhood," by Matt Tedesco.

**Discussion**

**Offering & Offertory:** "The Broad Steppe," a Russian folk song. Performed by the Continental Drifters, Ruth Calden and Rosemarie Lester.

**\*Hymn #145 (SLT):** "As Tranquil as Streams,".

**Closing Words**

**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 are together 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

**Green Note:** According to a two-year study by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), many indoor plants absorb air pollutants through their leaves and roots and convert them into breathable air. Spider plants and aloe are easy and inexpensive to grow. (Source: earthshare.org)

**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 Humanist Union's first monthly meeting** of the new year will be on Sunday, Jan. 5th. We'll start with a potluck lunch, which will be underway by noon. Then from 12:30 to 1:30 pm Ken Haydock will lead our discussion on "Dr. Tyson Identifies Himself: A Consideration of Labels."

**Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is January 19 to 26** One of Prairie's social action commitments is being a buddy church for Midvale Lutheran as they house homeless families as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which is part of The Road Home. Please consider volunteering to serve dinner or various other jobs to help Prairie honor its commitment to this wonderful organization. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285). You can go to this website for an explanation of the volunteer jobs and to sign up online: <http://midvalelutheran.org/share/our-community/road-home>

**Prairie's Board of Trustees** will meet tomorrow evening from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

### **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, January 12, 2014**

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

#### **Monday, January 13, 2014**

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

#### **Sunday, January 19, 2014**

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

#### **Monday, January 20, 2014**

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

#### **Saturday, January 25, 2014**

4:00 Wild Wintering

#### **Sunday, January 26, 2014**

10:00 Service – Reverend Sandra Ingham  
11:30 Soup Sunday  
11:30 Congregational Meeting

#### **Sunday, February 2, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service

#### **Sunday, February 9, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service

#### **Sunday, February 16, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – Awe inspiring places  
11:30 Soup Sunday

#### **Sunday, February 23, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service

#### **March 2, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service  
12:00 Humanist Union meets

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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:**

"The Wisdom of Martin Luther King, Jr.,"  
by The Prairie Readers.

