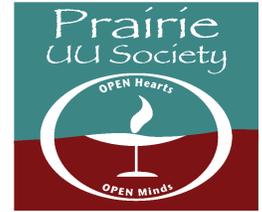


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“Our Place in the Cosmos,” by John Wunderlin.

February 15, 2015



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: “Twinkle, Twinkle-Star Wars Theme,” performed by Ava and Sophie Tedesco.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words:

“The Cosmos is all that is or was or ever will be. Our feeblest contemplations of the Cosmos stir us – there is a tingling in the spine, a catch in the voice, a faint sensation, as if a distant memory, of falling from a height. We know we are approaching the greatest of mysteries.”

– Carl Sagan, Cosmos

***Hymn #14 (SLT):** “The Sun at High Noon,” accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Global Chalice Lighting:

Hope, respect and love – three important treasures of spiritual life. May they always be in our hearts, may we always give them generously. The light of this flame is a symbol of them too, as hope, respect and love are the cornerstones of our free spiritual path.

– Petr Samojsky, Religious Society of Czech Unitarians

Story for All Ages: “When I heard the Learn'd Astronomer,” by Walt Whitman. Illustrations by Loren Long.

Song: Happy Birthday, Galileo.

Singing the Children Out

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Our Place in the Cosmos,” by John Wunderlin.

Discussion

Offering & Offertory: “Earth and All Stars,” performed by the Prairie Choir.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #238:** “Within the Shining of a Star”

Closing Words:

There is a theory which states that if ever anyone discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened.

– Douglas Adams

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: NASA has teamed up with Engineers Without Borders to bring sustainable water treatment systems to communities in Africa. (nasa.gov)

Mark your calendars! Prairie's annual Service Auction will be held March 22 after the service and Soup Sunday. Orange Schroeder will be the auction's caller. Silent auction items will also be available to bid on. If you have items you'd like to donate to the auction, please contact Kathy Converse (conversekrtm@gmail.com, 608-238-1856, 608-239-9385 (cell)) or Dan Klock (608-271-8218, admin@uuprairie.org).

The next Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held on Monday, February 23, at the home of Laura Mason, 4808 Schofield Road, Monona. All levels of Spanish welcome. Please bring a dish to pass if you can. If you can't, come anyway! For more information or to arrange a ride, contact Laura at 819-8246 for directions or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or to arrange a ride.

The Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, February 24, at 1:30pm at **Prairie**. This month's topic of conversation is to be determined. Please call Rosemary Dorney (238-4382) or Donna Murdoch (238-3802) for more information.

RE Wild Wintering Saturday, February 21!

Doors open at 4:00pm. There will be a potluck dinner, games, an obstacle course, and, weather permitting, a view of the cosmos through the Wunderlin's telescope!

Thank you to Susan Herr-Hoyman, today's program assistant, and Al Nettleton, today's technical assistant.

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

Monday, February 16, 2015

7:00 Program Committee meets

Saturday, February 21, 2015

4:00 Wild Wintering

Sunday, February 22, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service – “The Troubling Transcendentalists”

Monday, February 23, 2015

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meets at Prairie

Sunday, March 1, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

11:00 RE Song Circle

Friday, March 6, 2015

5:00 Board game night

Saturday, March 7, 2015

9:00 Prairie WOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, March 8, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

Monday, March 9, 2015

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

Saturday, March 14, 2015

12:30 Marlborough Park Community Garden sign-up at Prairie

Sunday, March 15, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

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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:

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