

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“Charles Dickens”  
by Robin Proud**

**March 20, 2016**



## Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** Performed by Amber Bruns.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Dan Proud

### **Opening Words:**

“The common welfare was my business, charity, mercy, forbearance and benevolence, were, all, my business.”  
– Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

**\*Hymn #320 (SLT):** “The Pen Is Greater” Amber Bruns, accompanist.

### **Chalice Lighting:**

A child journeys far from home  
Fearful and brave,  
Guided by this chalice, may we seek to understand the  
causes of flight.  
Like the comfort of a candle flickering in a window of  
darkness,  
Let us welcome this child into our home with  
warmth, nourishment, and love.  
Would we not want the same for our own child,  
lost and alone in a strange land?  
– Theresa Soto and Tracy Bleakney.

**Story for All Ages:** “The Magic Fishbone,” by Charles Dickens.

**Singing the Children Out:** “Farewell Good Friends”

**\*\*Joys and Concerns**

### **Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** “Charles Dickens,” by Robin Proud.

### **Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Performed by Amber Bruns

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

**\*Hymn 127:** “Can I See Another's Woe”

### **Closing Words:**

“There are dark shadows on the earth, but its lights are  
stronger in the contrast.”  
– Charles Dickens, *The Pickwick Papers*

### **Extinguishing the Chalice**

### **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.

Today's tech assistant is Bill Parmenter.

## Announcements

**Registration is now open** for both Regional Assembly (April 29 – May 1) and General Assembly (June 22-26)! Both events are drivable, providing carpooling opportunities. See Rev. Sandy or Phyllis long for more information.

RA will be held in Minneapolis this year. The theme is “The WHO in the New Era of Unitarian Universalism.” Discounted Early Bird registration ends on March 31, final registration deadline is April 20. Visit [midamericauua.org](http://midamericauua.org) for more information and to register.

GA will be held in Columbus Ohio. The theme this year is “Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect.” Early Bird registration ends on April 30, final registration deadline is June 26. Visit [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga) for more information and to register.

**The Book Club** will meet today after the service to discuss *They Marched Into Sunlight* by David Maraniss.

**An Introduction to Prairie** will be held on April 2 from 9 to noon. Childcare provided upon request. See Erin Bosch or Rev. Sandy for more information.

**The Prairie Elders** will meet this coming Tuesday, March 22, at 1:30pm in the Annex.

**The next Spanish Speakers Potluck** will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, March 21, at the home of Kate Tucker, 4504 Camden Rd. Spanish Speakers Potluck is open to all Prairie people and friends. All levels of Spanish welcome. Bring a dish to pass if convenient – if not, come anyway! Call Kate at 221-2168 for directions, or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or to arrange a ride.

### **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, March 21, 2016**

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

### **Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

1:30 Prairie Elders meet in the Annex

### **Sunday, March 27, 2016**

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 Easter Egg Hunt

### **Friday, April 1, 2016**

6:00 Board Game Night

### **Saturday, April 2, 2016**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 PrairieWOW

9:00 Introduction to Prairie

### **Sunday, April 3, 2016**

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 K-2 OWL Parent Informational Meeting

11:45 Humanist Union meets

### **Sunday, April 10, 2016**

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:15 Deadline for retreat registration

11:45 Board meets

### **Monday, April 11, 2016**

6:00 Finance Committee meets

7:00 Program Committee meets

### **Saturday, April 16, 2016**

9:30 Craft -n-Chat at Prairie

### **Sunday, April 17, 2016**

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 Soup Sunday

11:30 K-2 OWL Class meets

11:45 Book Club meets

### **Friday, May 6, 2016**

5:00 *Prairie Retreat begins*

### **Sunday, May 8, 2016**

12:00 *Prairie Retreat ends*

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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:**

“Revisiting Easter,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

