

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Intro to Paganism”

May 1, 2016

Today's Order of Service

Prelude: “Ancient Mother,” by Amikaeyla and Ariana.
Sung by Lynn Currie.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words:

The earth is alive, and everything on the earth is part of a living being. We believe that you can celebrate life in many different images and forms, that life moves in cycles of birth and growth and death and rebirth, and that the same spirit moves through nature, through the cycles of the seasons . . . Our goal is not to get out of the world or to get out of life, but to integrate it, to celebrate it, to embrace it fully, and to embrace all the different cycles within it.
– Starhawk

***Hymn:** “Hoof and Horn” by Ian Corrigan/“We All Come From the Goddess,” by Z Budapest.

Chalice Lighting:

The voice of the great Spirit is heard in the twittering of the birds, the rippling of the mighty waters, and the sweet breathing of flowers. If this is Paganism then at present, at least, I am a Pagan.
– Zitkala-Sa

Song for All Ages: “Air Moves Us,” by Cathleen Sheil.

Singing the Children Out: “Farewell Good Friends”

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Responsive Reading #550 (SLT): “We Belong to the Earth”, by Chief Noah Sealath.

Presentation: “Intro to Paganism”

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Rising Green,” by Carolyn McDade. Sung by Lynn Currie.

Offering shared with Briarpatch Youth Services.

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #1073 (STJ):** “The Earth is Our Mother”

Closing Words:

On this festival of Beltane, may the sun bring you new energy by day, may the moon softly restore you by night, may the rain wash away your worries, may the breeze blow away negativity, and may you walk gently through life and know its beauty all the days of your life.
– Pagan Prayer

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.

This week's tech assistant is Bill Parmenter.

Announcements

Sharing of Offertory Collection In May (until the congregational meeting) the offertory collection will be split with Briarpatch Youth Services. The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program at Briarpatch provides temporary shelter, counseling and support services and a 24-Hour Counseling hotline. The program assists runaways and homeless youth and youth at risk of separation from their family who are between the ages of 13 and 17. The agency provides assessment, counseling, and case management, food, clothing as needed and help with finding safe and stable housing. There is a new youth shelter off Rimrock Road.

Registration is now open for General Assembly (June 22-26) in Columbus, Ohio! Visit uua.org/ga to register.

Prairie's Spring Retreat will be held from Friday, May 6, to Sunday, May 8.

The Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22, after the service and Soup Sunday.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is May 8 to 15

Please consider volunteering to serve dinner or various other jobs at IHN/The Road Home. Contact Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285) or sign-up to volunteer at <http://midvalelutheran.org/share/our-community/road-home>

Roy Zimmerman in concert May 15 at 7:00pm at Prairie! Tickets \$18. "This Machine" is ninety minutes of Roy Zimmerman's hilarious, rhyme-intensive original songs. Roy's songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime. He's shared stages with Bill Maher, Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, John Oliver, Kate Clinton and George Carlin. He's been profiled on NPR's "All Things Considered," and he's a featured blogger for the Huffington Post.

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

Friday, May 6, 2016

5:00 Prairie Retreat begins

Sunday, May 8, 2016

10:00 Key Log service at Retreat

10:00 Ted Talk at Meeting House

Monday, May 9, 2016

6:00 Finance Committee meets

7:00 Program Committee meets

Sunday, May 15, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 K-2 OWL Class meets in Annex

11:45 Board meets upstairs in Annex

7:00 Roy Zimmerman Concert at Prairie

Sunday, May 22, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 K-2 OWL Class meets in Annex

11:30 Soup Sunday

12:00 **Parish Meeting**

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

1:30 Prairie Elders meets

Sunday, May 29, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex in Annex

10:00 Service

Friday, June 3, 2016

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, June 4, 2016

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 PrairieWOW meets in the Annex

Sunday, June 5, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 K-2 OWL Class meets in Annex

11:45 Humanist Union meets

Sunday, June 12, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 K-2 OWL Class meets in Annex

11:45 Board meets upstairs in Annex

Monday, June 13, 2016

6:00 Finance Committee meets

7:00 Program Committee 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:

Key Log Ceremony at Prairie's Retreat **or**
TED Talk viewing and discussion at the
Meeting House

