

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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In-Gathering Service

September 4, 2016



Today's Order of Service

*"Enter, rejoice, and come in; today will be a joyful day.
Enter, rejoice, and come in." – Louise Ruspini*

Prelude: "Allegro," by G.F. Handel. Performed by Dan Haug.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words: Read by Jessie Garst.

***Hymn #361:** "Enter, Rejoice and Come In," accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting: Blake Camp

Story for All Ages: The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant.

Singing, #413 "Go Now in Peace" *NOTE: Please substitute "may the spirit of love surround you" in Line Two for the words "may the love of God surround you."*

Welcoming New Members

Doug Cook, Cindy O'Neill, Leah LaBarre

Celebrating Our Prairie Community

Sharing of Our Hopes and Dreams for the New Fellowship Year

Responsive Reading #444: "This House," by Kenneth Patton

Offering and Offertory: "Chansonette," by Hamilton Harty.

Today's offering will be shared with Habitat for Humanity

Recognizing Our Deeper Roots

Story for All Ages: The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush, as retold by Tomie dePaola

Calling of the Four Directions

Singing, #389 "Gathered Here"

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #347:** "Gather the Spirit"

Closing Words: Read by Jessie Garst.

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 Andy Garst.

Announcements

We will donate half our offering to Habitat for Humanity for all of September. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing ministry which builds, renovates and repairs houses all over the world using volunteer labor and donations.

Circle Dinner sign-up starts today and will continue for the next few Sundays in September. Circle Dinners are rotating potlucks among assigned groups of Prairie members/families. If you join, you agree to host one meal for your group during the year. This is a fabulous way to learn more about a set of Prairie friends. The clipboard for sign-ups will be available in the foyer. Some preferences as to group size limits, schedules and other conditions can be made. Include any requests under the header that says preferences. Contact any one of us on Membership Committee if you have any questions: Heidi Hughes, Erin Bosch, Dan Proud, Rick Ruecking. Please join us!

The Humanist Union will meet today after the service starting with a potluck lunch at noon. The discussion will be led by Barb Park and Randy Converse on "School Kids and the Politics of Hate," looking at the impact of the current presidential campaign on our children.

Our Craft-N-Chat program has been a lot of fun and yielded some wonderful products that have benefited our kids in RE! Join us this fall on Saturday, October 15th from 9:30 – 12:30. This session we will be making 'sit-upons' - maybe you made one as a girl scout or boy scout? These are waterproof squares that kids can sit on when the ground is cold or wet. More info coming soon - but please mark your calendar now if you'd like to join us. We'll have light snacks and juice available.

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, September 11, 2016

10:00 Service
11:45 Board meets

Monday, September 12, 2016

6:00 Finance Committee meets
7:00 Program Committee meets

Sunday, September 18, 2016

10:00 Service: "In the Beginning" - Rev. Sandy
11:30 Soup Sunday
11:30 RE Committee meets
11:45 Book Club

Sunday, September 25, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service: "Respect" - ARC Community Member

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

1:30 Prairie Elders meets in the Annex

Saturday, October 1, 2016

9:00 Prairie WOW

Sunday, October 2, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union meets

Friday, October 7, 2016

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, October 8, 2016

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

Sunday, October 9, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service

Saturday, October 15, 2016

9:30 Craft-N-Chat

Sunday, October 16, 2016

10:00 Service

Sunday, October 23, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
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:

"A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning," by Matt Tedesco.

