

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“The Ethics of Power” by Rob Brinks

January 29, 2017



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Mike Briggs

Welcome and Announcements: Kathy Converse

Opening Words:

“It’s a strange thing, we think that law brings order. Law doesn’t. How do we know that law does not bring order? Look around us. We live under the rule of law. Notice how much order we have?”

– Howard Zinn

***Opening Hymn #100 (SLT):** “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

Chalice Lighting:

“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

– Albert Schweitzer

Story for All Ages: The Three Questions, by John Muth. Read by Kate Liu.

Children’s Recessional: by Joyce Poley.

Joys and Concerns

Responsive Reading #579: “The Limits of Tyrants,” by Frederick Douglass. Led by Jim Johncox.

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “The Ethics of Power,” by Rob Brinks.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: Performed by Mike Briggs.

This month our collections will be shared with the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #119 (SLT):** “Once to Every Soul and Nation”

Closing Words:

“Law always chooses sides on the basis of enforcement power. Morality and legal niceties have little to do with it when the real question is: Who has the clout?”

– Frank Herbert, Heretics of Dune

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Today’s tech assistant is Al Nettleton.

Announcements

The St. Vincent De Paul Society strives to relieve hunger and poverty through respectful person-to-person assistance that preserves human dignity, and to address the situations that cause hunger and poverty.

Save the date! Prairie’s annual retreat will be held May 12-14 at Bethel Horizons.

Prairie’s Service Auction will be held on March 5, just 6 weeks away! Would you like to donate? Contact Patty Stockdale.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week January 29 to February 4: 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. Call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285). To sign up to volunteer, visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafaf2fa3fd0-midvale1>

The Prairie Book Club will meet on February 12 after the service to discuss Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, by Matthew Desmond. Evicted is the Go Big Read book selected by the UW for 2016-17. It follows a number of families and also landlords enmeshed in the slum rental situation in Milwaukee where eviction is a business.

The Humanist Union will meet next Sunday, February 5, in Prairie’s Meeting House. A potluck lunch starts at 11:45. Susan Hagstrom will present *Interesting Episodes in the History of Atheism* beginning at 12:30.

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

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

3:30 History Committee meets in Annex
6:15 Finance Committee meets in Annex

Friday, February 3, 2017

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, February 4, 2017

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
9:00 PrairieWOW meets in Annex

Sunday, February 5, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 7th - 9th OWL class in Annex
11:45 Humanist Union meets

Monday, February 6, 2017

6:30 Program Committee meets

Sunday, February 12, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 7th - 9th OWL class in Annex
11:45 Board meets

Thursday, February 16, 2017

6:30 Humanist Union Movie Night

Sunday, February 19, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday
11:30 7th - 9th OWL class in the Annex

Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 7th - 9th OWL class in the Annex
11:30 PAD Workshop

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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:

“Mentor to the Stars,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

