

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## “The Hidden Life of Trees”

by Kathy Converse

August 20, 2017

### Announcements

#### Order of Service

**Prelude:** Performed by Rachel Long.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Rev. Sandra Ingham

#### **Opening Words:**

A few minutes ago every tree was excited, bowing to the roaring storm, waving, swirling, tossing their branches in glorious enthusiasm like worship. But though to the outer ear these trees are now silent, their songs never cease. – John Muir

**\*Opening Hymn #313 (SLT):** “O What A Piece of Work Are We” Accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

#### **Chalice Lighting:**

Tree, Gather up my thoughts like the clouds in your branches.  
Draw up my soul like the waters in your root.  
In the arteries of your trunk, bring me together.  
Through your leaves breathe out the sky. – J. Daniel Beaudry

**Story for All Ages:** What’s Behind the Tree? Read by Evan Creed.

**Children’s Recessional:** by Joyce Poley.

*As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.  
Go in joy, go in joy!  
May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.  
Go in love, go in love.*

#### **Joys and Concerns**

**\*Hymn #352:** “Find a Stillness”

#### **Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** “The Hidden Life of Trees,” by Kathy Converse, with readers Al Nettleton, Penny Eiler, Randy Converse, and Heidi Hughes.

#### **Offering and Offertory**

*We will share our offering with the Simpson Street Free Press.*

#### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**\*Closing Hymn #342:** “O Slowly, Slowly, They Return”

#### **Closing Words:**

“Under the canopy of the trees, daily dramas and moving love stories are played out. Here is the last remaining piece of nature, right at our doorstep, where adventures are to be experienced and secrets discovered. And who knows, perhaps one day the language of trees will eventually be deciphered, giving us the raw material for further amazing stories. Until then, when you take your next walk in the forest, give free rein to your imagination—in many cases, what you imagine is not far removed from reality, after all!” Peter Wohlleben

#### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**A Memorial Service** for Warren Hagstrom will be held Saturday, September 2, at 11:00 am at Prairie. Potluck lunch will follow.

**Our August offerings** will be shared with Simpson Street Free Press. You can pick up an issue of the newspaper in the lobby.

**Prairie is 50 years old!** Everyone is invited to a Wine and Cheese party on Saturday, September 16, at 7:00pm. The festivities will continue on Sunday, September 17, with a service focusing on Prairie’s history and a potluck lunch afterward!

**Pride Parade Today!** Meet in the 500-600 block of State Street at Noon. Don’t forget to wear your Standing on the Side of Love shirt!

**Volunteers Needed:** Prairie is cosponsoring the August Allied Neighborhood Assoc. community dinner with Joining Forces for Families (the local county human services office) and Bethany United Methodist. Friday, August 25 at the Boys and Girls Club. Volunteer opportunities begin at 3:30. Please contact Molly Plunkett

**Interfaith Hospitality Network Week:** Please consider volunteering to help homeless families by serving dinner or other various jobs the week of August 27. Contact Erin Bosch for more info, or sign up on line at [www.midvalelutheran.org](http://www.midvalelutheran.org).

#### **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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## Calendar

### **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

7:00 Board Meeting in the Annex

### **Sunday, August 20, 2017**

10:00 "The Hidden Life of Trees," by Kathy Converse.

12:00 Pride Parade

### **Friday, August 25, 2017**

6:00 Allied Neighborhood Dinner

### **Sunday, August 27, 2017**

10:00 Service

### **Friday, September 1, 2017**

6:00 Board Game Night

### **Saturday, September 2, 2017**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

11:00 Memorial Service for Warren Hagstrom

### **Sunday, September 3, 2017**

10:00 Water Ceremony

11:45 Humanist Union

### **Saturday, September 9, 2017**

8:30 RE Pontoon Porch

9:00 PrairieWOW meets in the Annex

### **Sunday, September 10, 2017**

10:00 Service

### **Monday, September 4, 2017**

6:30 Program Committee

### **Saturday, September 16, 2017**

7:00 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wine and Cheese Party

### **Sunday, September 17, 2017**

10:00 Service

11:45 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary potluck

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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:**

"My Fantasy Religion," by Waldemar Schmeichel.

