

**Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon*
by Sandra Adell**

September 29, 2019

Order of Service

Prelude: "Song of Solomon," performed by Karlos Moser.

Welcome and Announcements: Robin Proud

Opening Words: by Toni Morrison, *The Source of Self-Regard*

"A writer's life and work are not a gift to mankind; they are a necessity."

***Opening Hymn #151 (SLT):** "I Wish I Knew How" Karlos Moser, Accompanist

Chalice Lighting: by Toni Morrison, *Oprah Magazine*

"I tell my students 'When you get these jobs that you have been so brilliantly trained for, just remember that your real job is that if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else. It's not just a grab-bag candy game.'"

Story for All Ages: *The People Could Fly*, by Virginia Hamilton. Read by Robin Proud.

Sing the Children Out

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon*," by Sandra Adell.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: "Solace," by Scott Joplin.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #148 (SLT):** "Let Freedom Span Both East and West"

Closing Words: by Toni Morrison, *1993 Nobel Lecture*

"We die. That may be the meaning of life. But we do language. That may be the measure of our lives."

Greet Your Neighbor

Postlude: "Hilarity," by Scott Joplin.

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering for the third quarter with the Allied Wellness Center. The Center focuses on health promotion, direct assistance in obtaining medications, bus fare and gas cards to help people get to medical appointments and to jobs. The Center has one half time staff person, a Community Health Liaison/Chaplain whose position is funded by a city grant. The Center depends on donations from churches that make up the Allied Partners and grants to fund its activities. Prairie has been a long time member of Allied Partners.

The Board of Trustees will hold a discussion concerning ministry at Prairie on Sunday, October 6th, at 11:30 a.m. at Oak Park Place. We have had 4 ministers in the last 14 years. What have we learned? What do we want from a minister? How will a minister best work with us to further our mission? Is it time for us to call a minister, or should we continue with contract ministry? Do we understand the difference? Should we seek a full time minister, or 1/2 or 3/4 time? We will be voting on how to move forward at our **Fall Parish Meeting on Sunday, December 8**. We hope to see you there!

A memorial service for Ruth Calden will be held on Friday, October 25, at 5:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Society's Landmark Auditorium.

A memorial service for Mike Briggs will be held on Sunday, October 20, from 3-7 pm at First Unitarian Society.

Please take a moment to pick up around your seat.

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.

Calendar

Sunday services meet at Oak Park Place. All other events and meetings will be in the Annex unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, September 29, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
12:00 Humanist Union

Saturday, October 5, 2019

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal
9:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, October 6, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Discussion on Ministry at Oak Park Place

Sunday, October 13, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Board

Friday, October 18, 2019

6:00 Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive Threads

Sunday, October 20, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Thursday, October 24, 2019

7:00 Program Committee

Sunday, October 27, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service

Friday, November 1, 2019

5pm Retreat begins at Bethel Horizons

Saturday, November 2, 2019

8:00 Retreat continues

Sunday, November 3, 2019

10:00 Key Log Ceremony at Bethel Horizons

Prairie Staff and Board Members

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

2010 Whenona Dr. Madison, WI 53711

608-271-8218 www.uuprairie.org

Rachel Long, President

Chris Porter, Vice President

Evan Creed, Treasurer

Dan Proud, Secretary

Dan Klock, Congregational Administrator

Holly Tellander, Director of Religious Education

John (Raju) Eliganti, Custodian

Upcoming Services

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Service: "Native Wisconsin Reptiles and Amphibians!" by Madison Herpetological Society.

Did you know reptiles and amphibians live all around us? They can be found in Wisconsin's forests, prairies, wetlands, and even your backyards! Find out more about the species that call Wisconsin home! This all ages service will include seeing some animals up close.

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Service: "The Spectrum of Dementia," by Claire Box.

As a person with a diagnosis of dementia and a nurse and caregiver for many on the spectrum, I hope to share my personal journey as well as the issues related to understanding, acceptance, fear and joy for those with dementia and their caregivers. Dane County is rich in resources which we will review.

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Service: TBA

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Service: "We Are Many United Against Hate," by Masood Akhtar.

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.