

## Symbol Tree

### Order of Service December 15, 2019

**Prelude:** “Arioso,” by Johan Sebastian Bach. Performed by Aidan Small.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Karen Deaton

**Opening Words:** “We Come Together this Morning,” by David Usher.

“We come together this morning, seeking a reality beyond our narrow selves; that binds us in compassion, love, and understanding to other human beings . . . and helps us remember the Wholeness of which we are part. We come together to renew our faith in the holiness, the goodness, the beauty of life. To reaffirm the way of the open mind and the full heart; to rekindle the flame of memory and hope; and to reclaim the vision of an earth more fair, with all her people one.”

**\*Opening Hymn #251 (SLT):** “Silent Night, Holy Night”  
Aileen Nettleton, Accompanist.

### **Candlelight Procession of Our Young People**

**Chalice Lighting:** by David Breeden

In this holiday season  
May we find peace inside ourselves;  
May we be peace for those around us,  
And may we renew our commitment  
To bring peace with justice  
To our community and the world.  
May we be peace.

**Story for all Ages:** One Wild Christmas by Nicholas Oldland.

**\*Hymn (Handout):** “O Symbol Tree,” sung to the tune of “O Christmas Tree”.

### **Symbol Tree Sharing**

**Offering and Offertory:** “Light One Little Candle,” by George Mysels and J. Maloy Roach. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

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

**\*Closing Song #235:** “Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly”

**Closing Words:** inspired by Peter Teets’ words.

May the light we kindled here inspire us to heal and not to harm, to help and not to hinder, to bless and not to curse.  
May peace and love be with you until we meet again.

### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Announcements

**We will share our offering for the fourth quarter** with “The Street Pulse,” a monthly newspaper sold on the streets of Madison by homeless vendors to provide them some income. Madison Urban Ministries was an early financial supporter. The newspaper publishes stories and poems by homeless individuals as well as the work of local activists. Sellers purchase their papers for 25 cents apiece and sell them for \$1.

**The Spanish Speakers Potluck** will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm in the Annex. All levels of Spanish are welcome. Please bring a dish to pass if convenient – if not, come anyway! For more information, contact Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382

**Guest at Your Table** is UUSC’s annual program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals – the “guests” in Guest at Your Table.

This year’s theme is “Strong Women, Strong Communities.” On your table, you’ll find information on this year’s Guests, how your donations are used, and donation boxes. We’ll be collecting the donation boxes during the service on December 29, when we’ll be discussing the four Guests. If you already have a box, you can also return it today.

**Please take a moment** to help us clean up by:  
--returning your hymnal to the cart  
--returning your Order of Service to the cart  
--and tidying 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, December 15, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service: Symbol Tree

**Monday, December 16, 2019**

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

**Thursday, December 19, 2019**

7:00 Program Committee, location TBA

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service: Singing Through Our UU Values

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service: TBA

**Saturday, January 4, 2020**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast  
9:00 PrairieWOW  
6:30 Movie Night

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service: "The Gospel According to...Me," by Erin Bosch

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service: "Who Saved the Electric Car," by John Wunderlin.  
11:45 Board

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service: "Troublemaker for Justice - The Story of Bayard Rustin," by Jacqueline Houtman.

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Upcoming Services

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

Singing Through our UU Principles

Join us for this all ages service as we sing well known songs (like Jingle Bells) that tie into our UU Principles. Cookies and sparkling juice served following the service.

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

"Meet the Guests at Your Table"

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

"The Gospel According to...Me," by Erin Bosch.

Erin will share her favorite Bible stories, specifically from gospels by Luke and Matthew, and will invite others to comment and/or share one of their favorites. Come prepared for a lot of discussion.

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

"Who Saved the Electric Car," by John Wunderlin.

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

"Troublemaker for Justice - The Story of Bayard Rustin," by Jacqueline Houtman.

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

Dr. Penny Andrews will speak on spiritual service.

**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.