



## "Meet the Guests at Your Table," by Penny Eiler

### Order of Service

December 29, 2019

**Prelude:** *Knut Iver Slatten, Noas Snoa, and Gardebylatten*, Scandinavian tunes. Performed by Mary Mullen, guitar, and Carol Steinhart, fiddle.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Penny Eiler

**Opening Words:** Acts 20:35

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

\***Opening Hymn #147 (SLT):** "When All the Peoples on This Earth" Mary Frantz, accompanist.

**Global Chalice Lighting:** by Rwandan Unitarian leader, Uwayisaba Clement

"We light this chalice for all people who have been affected by violence as they rebuild their lives: that they may find it in their hearts to move forwards in peace and forgiveness; We light this chalice for peace in our world: that all people may live free from violence, in safety and security, and with hope for the future."

**Story for all Ages:** Seven Candles for Kwanzaa by Andrea Davis Pinkney

**Singing the Children Out**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Moment of Silence**

**Presentation:** "Meet the Guests at Your Table," by Penny Eiler.

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** *Hardanger Vals*, Scandinavian tune

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

\***Closing Hymn #93:** "To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love"

**Closing Words:** from *Diary of Anne Frank: The Play*

"No one has ever become poor by giving."

**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.

**Parish Meeting January 26!** We will continue our discussion about the role of a minister at Prairie. The Program Committee is planning a shortened service to leave more time for discussion during the meeting. Please have your voice heard and attend!

**The Humanist Union** has suspended their meetings until the Meeting House has reopened.

**One of Prairie's Social Action initiatives** is to make breakfast at the men's emergency shelter at Grace Episcopal Church. Our "turn" is at 5:00 am on the first Saturday after the first Friday every month. Prairie's next turn to make breakfast is on January 4. Please contact Paula Pachciarz if you would like to volunteer.

**PrairieWOW** (Women of Wonder) is Prairie's women's group which meets the first Saturday each month. All women associated with Prairie are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be on January 4 at 9:00 am in the Annex. Please bring a brunch dish to pass if convenient.

**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.

#### **Saturday, January 4, 2020**

- 5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal  
9:00 Prairie WOW

#### **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

#### **Saturday, January 18, 2020**

- 9:00 PUUP (Prairie UU Parents)

#### **Sunday, January 19, 2020**

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

#### **Sunday, January 26, 2020**

- 8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Short Service  
10:45 **Parish Meeting**

#### **Saturday, February 1, 2020**

- 5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal  
9:00 Prairie WOW

#### **Sunday, February 2, 2020**

- 8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service: Imbolc

#### **Sunday, February 9, 2020**

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

### **Prairie Staff and Board Members**

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### Upcoming Services

#### **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**

"Bayard Rustin: Troublemaker for Justice," by Jacqueline Houtman

#### **Sunday, January 26, 2020**

##### Parish Meeting

We will have a brief service, then move right into the meeting. We'll be continuing the discussion on ministry at Prairie. Please have your voice heard and attend!

#### **Sunday, February 2, 2020**

##### Imbolc

### **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.