

**“Bayard Rustin: Troublemaker for Justice,”
by Jacqueline Houtman.**

Order of Service
January 19, 2020

Prelude: “Come and Go with Me,” African-American spiritual. Arranged by Kenny Smith. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

Welcome and Announcements: Lynn Currie

Opening Words: by Elizabeth M. Strong.

Today we celebrate a dream awakening.
Today we worship with renewed hope in our hearts.
Today we act on an audacity of hopes and dreams for the future.
Today we begin the hard work for justice, equity and compassion in all human relations,
for today is a day like no other and it is ours to shape with vision and action.

Let us worship together and celebrate a dream awakening.

***Opening Hymn #170 (SLT):** “We Are a Gentle, Angry People” Mary Frantz, accompanist.

Chalice Lighting: by Elizabeth M. McMaster.

Story for all Ages: A is for Activism, by Innosanto Nagara

Children’s Recessional: by Joyce Poley.

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

Presentation: “Bayard Rustin: Troublemaker for Justice” by Jacqueline Houtman.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Like a Mighty Stream,” by Moses Hogan and John Jacobsen. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #29 (Handout):** “Blowin’ in the Wind”

Closing Words: by Andrea Hawkins-Kamper.

May we see all as it is, and may it all be as we see it.
May we be the ones to make it as it should be,
For if not us, who? If not now, when?
This is answering the cry of justice with the work of peace,
This is redeeming the pain of history with the grace of wisdom,
This is the work we are called to do, and this is the call we answer now:
To be the barrier and the bridge,
To be the living embodiment of our Principles,
To be about the work of building the Beloved Community,
To be a people of intention and a people of conscience.

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We are sharing our offering this quarter with the Tenant Resource Center. The agency provides information, education, and access to conflict resolution for both renters and landlords. They offer an Eviction Clinic which provides information about legal rights and liabilities, housing assistance if someone is evicted, financial assistance with payment agreements with landlords, and limited rent payment assistance to large families facing eviction. Homeless services are also available such as locating housing, limited case management, eviction prevention and rapid rehousing. Volunteers are much needed and trained and used as housing counselors, mediators and office assistants.

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.

MidAmerica Regional Assembly will be held on April 18 in Rockford, IL, just an hour away! The keynote speaker will be Taquiena Boston, Special Advisor to the UUA President for Institutional Inclusion, Equity, and Change. See www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020 for more information.

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, January 19, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6
10:00 Service: "Troublemaker for Justice – The Story of Bayard Rustin," by Jacqueline Houtman.

Thursday, January 23, 2020

7:00 Program Committee

Sunday, January 26, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6
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 OWL Grades 4-6
10:00 Service: "The Return of the Light – An Imbolc Celebration Honoring Margot Adler"

Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6
10:00 Service: "The Five Love languages"
11:45 Board meeting

Saturday, February 15, 2020

9:00 Prairie UU Parents

Sunday, February 16, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6
10:00 Service

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Parish Meeting

Rachel Long, Prairie's current president, will share reflections on what we get out of being Unitarian Universalists, and what we are asking from ourselves and from each other as members of this faith and of this congregation. We will have an abbreviated service before our Parish Meeting which will start at 10:45am and includes voting on questions surrounding our upcoming Minister search.

Sunday, February 2, 2020

"The Return of Light - An Imbolc Celebration Honoring Margot Adler"

Come join us on Imbolc! In honor of Wiccan priestess and author, Margot Adler, we'll "light" candles, sing songs, and dream of warmer days to celebrate this mid winter pagan festival.

Sunday, February 9, 2020

"The Five Love Languages," presented by Robin Proud and Renee Deschard.

Robin and Renee will lead a service discussing the book The Five Love Languages: The Secret to Love that Lasts by Gary Chapman.

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.