

**“Stories in Stone” by Brooke Norsted**

Order of Service

March 8, 2020

**Prelude:** Performed by Amber.

**Welcome and Announcements :** Rick Ruecking

**Opening Words:** by Susan Davison Archer

“The earth is warming, the birdsong increases, the sweeter breezes brush our cheeks, and the earth holds hope in its seeds and buds.

Come, let us gather this morning, with joyful noise, with warm hearts, and with hopeful spirits, for we are one with the renewal of the earth and blessedly held in the love of one another.”

**\*Opening Song :** “10 Little Dinosaurs”

**Chalice Lighting:** by Oberlin UU Fellowship, Oberlin, OH

We light this chalice to find inner peace,  
love for each other, and faith in ourselves.  
Also, to be welcoming to whomever we meet  
and kind to all living creatures. So gather around  
this light of hope as we share this time together.

**Silent Meditation**

**Story for all Ages:** Stick and Stone, by Tom Litchenheld.

**Presentation:** “Stories in Stone” by Brooke Norsted.

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Performed by Amber Bruns.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

**Reminder:** Please park on the street to leave room in the lot for the loved ones of Oak Park Place residents.

**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.

**Service auction results are in!** We’ve tallied the results, and Prairie has made a new Service Auction record: just over \$15,000! Thank you so much to everyone for making this year’s service auction a huge success. We’re sending out letters listing what you have won and who won the items you donated. Watch your mailboxes!

**We’re going home!** The construction on the Meeting House is projected to be done on April 10! We’ve scheduled 2 work days, April 10 and April 11, to clean the Meeting House and move items back in. We need your help! There will be tasks from sweeping and dusting to some heavy lifting. We’ll have more information as the dates get closer.

**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, March 8, 2020**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6  
10:00 PUURE Workshop  
10:00 Service  
11:45 Board in Annex

**Monday, March 9, 2020**

6:00 Spanish Speakers Potluck

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

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

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

9:00 Prairie UU Parents

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

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

**Monday, March 16, 2020**

7:30 Search Committee

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

9:00 Prairie UU Parents

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6  
10:00 Service  
11:30 Interweave

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**

7:00 Program Committee

**Prairie Staff and Board Members**

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Upcoming Services

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**

“Stories in Stone,” by Brooke Norsted.

Join us for “Stories in Stone” with Brooke Norsted, Assistant Director of the UW-Madison Geology Museum. Travel through time and discover the unexpected history of Wisconsin’s geological past including volcanoes, tropical seas, and mastodons! We will look at specimens and talk about the deep stories that our state’s rocks tell. This is an intergenerational (all ages) service so come one and all!

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

HUUmanism: A Prairie Panel

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

Tenant Resource Center

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

“Lessons in Inclusivity: What UUs Can Learn from Progressive Muslims,” by Katrina Thompson.

**Sunday, April 5, 2020**

“Disinformation, Voter Suppression and What You Can Do About It,” by Dee J. Hall

Learn about the problem of disinformation and voter suppression and how citizens can become better news consumers. Dee J. Hall is the managing editor of Wisconsin Watch, a nonprofit investigative news outlet based at the UW-Madison.

**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.