

Note: This service will be recorded

Reader: Dan

Zoom helper: Renee

Opening Song: *Time in a Bottle* by Jim Croce, performed by Ron Frye

Welcome and Announcements: Robin Proud

Opening Words by Pema Chodron

I used to have a sign pinned up on my wall that read:

Only to the extent that we expose ourselves over and over to annihilation can that which is indestructible be found in us..It was all about letting go of everything.

Chalice Lighting by Michael Eselun

As we come together in community in this virtual space, we are very aware of all of which we have had to let go - not the least of which, at the most basic level...coming into physical presence with one another. As we light our own candles, if we choose, to represent the chalice of our community-- we are mindful of this sacred time of coming together on our shared journey of discovery - discovery of that which is indestructible within us.

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages: *The Three Questions* by Jon J. Muth, read by Barb Park

Presentation: “What Matters?” by Michael Eselun

Relates to 7th Principle - Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Discussion

Closing Song by Dan Proud

Closing Words by Michael Eselun

I invite you to perhaps close your eyes, and take a few nice deep breaths together. Breathing in the love, the intention, the commitment of this community to come together and to connect despite all that there is now to separate us physically... as we exhale-- can we release the light and the radiance of our coming together... not only back to each other but to the larger circles of life...Let’s even stretch our arms out now, right where you are sitting and imagine our embrace of each other and those larger circles of life, getting a sense of our connectedness in a place beyond time and space-- despite the physical isolation of this moment.

As we breathe into that embrace, let’s absorb in the words of the poet Rilke as a blessing to ourselves...

Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart... Try to love the questions themselves like locked rooms and like books written in a very foreign tongue. Do not seek the answers, which cannot be given to you because you would not be able to live them. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.

We take this moment to extinguish the flame of our chalice—the worship has ended but our service begins again.

So be it.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Guest/visitor welcome, Joys and Concerns and chatting.



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.

support services while living community-style in a house on Madison's east side.

Upcoming Events

Prairie Sing Along (every Sunday) 7pm (note the time change)

We use songsheets displayed on the ZOOM whiteboard and the Rise Up Singing songbook. It's a great opportunity to practice your guitar or ukulele and sing with no judgements... and bring out the folk-rock star that you are. Everyone & all ages are welcomed. Zoom hosts Mary Mullen and Patty Stockdale.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85355334298>

Join by phone: 1(312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 853 5533 4298

Prairie Study Group: *Caste part 1* (2nd & 4th Mondays) 7pm

This study group is part of Prairie's initiative to become a more truly welcoming congregation to those of all ethnic and class backgrounds, genders and sexual orientations as we proclaim at the start of our services.

Please participate if you can. 11/9 – Caste Part 1; 11/23 - Caste Part 2

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88309002767>

Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 883 0900 2767

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons (beginners group) (every Tuesday) 4:30 pm

Looking for a fun way to get social with friends? Well, this is the group for you! No prior experience necessary - though a camera & microphone will be required for full participation. This group is open to anyone! Ages 9 & up will be most comfortable.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87803393490>

Tuesday Trivia (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month) 7pm

During covid19 in person trivia has moved online! Prairie members and non members are invited to play.

Email Renee reneedeschard[at sign]gmail.com to get added to the trivia email list.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89006194902>

Wednesday Fun - Virtual Animal Visit with DCHS 6pm

Virtual animal visit with Dane County Humane Society! ALL are welcome. Wednesday activities may include read alouds, show & tell, virtual hide & seek, talent shows, pet demonstrations, sing-a-longs, or general tomfoolery. Actually, the tomfoolery is guaranteed. Hope to see you there! Fun usually ends by 6:30.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84638913138>

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons (advanced group) (every Friday) 4:30 pm

Bring your character and immerse yourself in a virtual world of storytelling and decision-making. Camera & microphone will be necessary to interact fully. This group is open to anyone! Ages 9 & up will be most comfortable.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8684777436>

Service: Service & Parish UU Fall Parish Meeting 11/15 10am

Join us at 10am with an abbreviated service and our meeting will start at 10:15am. Prairie UU Society has 2 annual parish meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring. At our meeting we discuss bylaw changes and important items of business for the entire congregation. Please see the email for the agenda & related docs including the budget. People are welcome to stick around and chat after the meeting concludes in lieu of a virtual coffee hour.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86387565125>
Join by phone: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 863 8756 5125