



Order of Service: November 22nd 2020  
"The Meaning of Home" by UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)

Note: This service will NOT be recorded, [see UUSC links](#) Readers: Al N., Barbara F., Ron F., Chris P. Zoom Helper: Renee

### **Opening Song: STJ #1021 *Lean on Me***

### **Welcome and Announcements:**

Aileen Nettleton

### **Chalice Lighting: *Welcoming the Stranger* by Tracy Bleakney Cherry**

A child journeys far from home  
Fearful and brave,  
in need of safe harbor.  
Guided by this chalice, may we seek to  
understand  
the causes of flight.  
Like the comfort of a candle flickering in a  
window  
of darkness,  
Let us welcome this child into our home with  
warmth, nourishment, and love.  
Would we not want the same for our own child,  
lost and alone in a strange land?

### **Silent Meditation**

### **[Staff Members Introduce UUSC](#)**

#### **Presentation: *The Meaning of Home*** by Rev. Laura Randall

#### **Stories of Hope**

[Adele Ramirez](#), Guatemala  
Mark Stege, Marshall Islands  
[Sujauddin Karimuddin](#), Burma  
[Chief Shirell Parfait-Dardar](#), Louisiana

### **Responsive Reading: *We Refugees* by Benjamin Zephaniah**

I come from a musical place  
Where they shoot me for my song  
And my brother has been tortured  
By my brother in my land.  
**I come from a beautiful place  
Where they hate my shade of skin  
They don't like the way I pray  
And they ban free poetry.**  
Nobody is safe,  
All it takes is a mad leader  
Or no rain to bring forth food,  
**We can all be refugees  
We can all be told to go,  
We can be hated by someone  
For being someone.**  
Sometimes it takes only a day,  
Sometimes it only takes a handshake  
Or a paper that is signed.  
**We all came from refugees  
Nobody simply just appeared,  
Nobody's here without a struggle,  
And why should we live in fear  
Of the weather or the troubles?  
We all came from somewhere.**

### **Guest at Your Table Contributions**

#### **Closing Words** by Adela Ramirez

"People cross the border in search of new opportunities for their families. That is why we always say that migrating is an act of love."

#### **Closing Song: SLT #159 *This Is My Song***

#### **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.

We are sharing our **Offering** this quarter with the ***The Catalyst Project*** which is a community of up to four single moms and their kids who are experiencing homelessness. The families gain access to permanent housing and other support services while living community-style in a house on Madison's east side.

### Make your Own Guest At Your Table Box

Send your Guest at Your Table contribution by check to Prairie, made out to UUSC (Guest at Your Table), or [to UUSC online directly](#) by December 30

STJ #1021 <i>Lean on Me</i>	SLT #159 <i>This IS My Song</i>
<p>Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow. But if we are wise, we know that that's always tomorrow.</p> <p>(chorus) Lean on me, when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on, For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.</p> <p>Please swallow your pride, if I have things you need to borrow, For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.</p> <p>(chorus)</p> <p>If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry, I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me.</p> <p>(chorus)</p> <p>Just call on me brother when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on.</p>	<p>This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high has mine.  My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.</p>

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Prairie Sing Along (every Sunday) 7pm**

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 (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. 11/23 - 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) 4:30pm**

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 6pm**

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) 4:30pm**

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>

### **Creativity and Connection 11/28 10am**

Creativity and Connection is a monthly get together to connect and work on creative projects. Peggy Small is leading this group which is open to any level of artistic ability, but best for ages 8 and up. Each month we'll get together on Zoom to work on a project using supplies you should have on hand. The focus will be on the creative process rather than the outcome, but there will be an opportunity to share your project at the end (optional). Projects can vary from writing to drawing to crafting.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85683919229>

Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 856 8391 9229

**Service: Tune into another UU Congregation & Prairie Coffee Hour 11/29 10am**

This Sunday, tune into an online UU service below at 10am or choose another congregation!  
Prairie Coffee Hour starts at 11am. Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86387565125>  
Join by phone: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 863 8756 5125

First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee - "Healing Connections" by Rev. Mishra-Marzetti

<https://uumilwaukee.org/event/healing-connections/>

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines - "Tending the Dark" by Rev. Birch Spick

<https://www.ucdsm.org/about-services/upcoming-services/>