

Order of Service: April 4th, 2021 "Searching for the Historical Jesus" by Bill Katra

Note: This service will be recorded Zoom helper: Renee

Opening Music: Voci di Primavera by Strauss,

performed by Amber

Welcome and Announcements: Penny Eiler

Hymn: SLT# 344 A Promise Through the Ages

Rings

Chalice Lighting by Dillman Baker Sorrells

For holy days on which we recall the old stories, we light the flame.

For Passover which reminds us of the courage and strength of those seeking freedom in the past, we light the flame.

For Easter which reminds us that love is our greatest challenge, we light the flame.

For gathering today in this sacred space, we light the flame.

For the opportunity to be together as a community, to remember the past, to plan for our future, to be alive in our present.

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages: <u>The Empty Pot</u> by Demi

Presentation: Searching for the Historical Jesus

by Bill Katra

4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and

meaning

Discussion

Closing Words by Joseph Conrad from *Lord Jim*

"That white figure seemed to stand at the heart of a vast enigma. . . Men drift off contemplating the last image of that incomplete story, its incompleteness itself; each seems to carry away his own impression, to carry it away with him like a secret"

Closing Music: SLT# 61 *Lo, The Earth Awakes Again*

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 **Willma's Fund.** Created by Donald Haar aka Willma Flynn-Stone in 2011, Willma's Fund provides assistance to homeless members of the LGBTQ community residing in Dane County and is a program of OutReach LGBT Community Center. Click **Give** on the Prairie UU website https://uuprairie.org/

The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers for the positions of Treasurer and Nominating Committee Member for the upcoming year. If you think you might be interested, please contact Rebecca Strome, Paula Pachciarz, or Kent Wenger for more information.

Upcoming Events

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

Thursday Fun 6:30pm

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 7pm

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

Prairie Sing Along (2nd and 4th Thursdays) 7pm

Everyone is welcome to join Prairie's Singalong Night on the second and fourth Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Attendees are muted, so you can sing along or play along with the song leader and not be heard! We make requests for our favorite songs, and words are printed on the screen. Singalongs are a lot of fun, and, as everyone knows, singing has lots of beneficial effects. Please contact Deesa Pence, Patty Stockdale, or Dan Proud for more information.

Join by computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83721450396 Join by phone: 1(312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 837 2145 0396

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/81808854406

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons (beginners group) (every Saturday) noon

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/81775992109

Sunday Service: "Elizabeth Blackwell" by Robin Proud 4/11 10am

In the mid 19th century, Unitarians Elizabeth Blackwell and her sister Emily both became medical doctors at a time when such a thing was unheard of. They studied in Europe and opened the first woman-run clinic. Yet, they didn't support many of the aims of the suffrage movement of their era.

Click here to join!

Join by phone +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 863 8756 5125

SLT# 344 A Promise through the Ages Rings

A promise through the ages rings, that always, always, something sings. Not just in May, in finch-filled bower, but in December's coldest hour, a note of hope sustains us all.

A life is made of many things: bright stars, bleak years, and broken rings. Can it be true that through all things, there always, always something sings? The universal song of life.

Entombed within our deep despair, our pain seems more than we can bear; but days shall pass, and nature knows that deep between the winter snow a rose lies curled and hums its song.

For something always, always sings.

This is the message Easter brings:
from deep despair and perished things
a green shoot always, always springs,
and something always, always sings.

SLT# 61 Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

Lo, the earth awakes again — Alleluia!

From the winter's bond and pain.

Alleluia! Bring we leaf and flower and spray — Alleluia!

to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!

Once again the word comes true,
Alleluia! All the earth shall be made new.
Alleluia!
Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia!
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!

Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!
How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!
How our hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!