

Welcoming the Summer Solstice: A Litha Celebration

Order of Service

June 27, 2021

Prelude: Oquirrh Mountains Shining, by Kevin Olson.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting: by Stephanie Laird

The summer solstice is a time to celebrate the light within us and around us. A time to connect with all the beauty and blessings of nature. A time of inner reflection and appreciation of the immense gifts from the natural world.

Joys and Concerns and Welcome Visitors

Silent Meditation

Reading

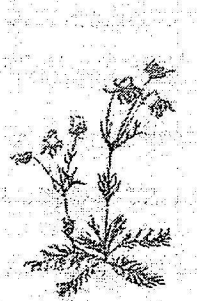
Presentation: Welcoming the Summer Solstice: A Litha Celebration

Offering and Offertory: "Sunburst," by Andrew York, arranged by Amber.

Closing Words:

May the power of the sun infuse you with positive energy and love. May the power of the abundant earth fill you with hope. May Midsummer's day bring you strength and a renewed sense of purpose.

Greet Your Neighbor



Announcements

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. A Shared Offering envelope is available on the Welcoming Table, or click Give on the Prairie UU website <https://uuprairie.org/>

PrairieWOW meets next Saturday! Prairie's women's group, Prairie WOW, will meet in-person at the Annex, and connecting via Zoom next Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. PrairieWOW meets the first Saturday of each month for brunch and conversation. All women associated with Prairie are welcome to attend – especially newcomers! Link to the Zoom meeting is on Prairie's website.

The move back to the Meeting House postponed. Unfortunately our original plan to start moving back into the Meeting House was hampered by the weather. We'll be rescheduling in the near future! Please watch Prairie News for a new day and time.

Can you help with tech on Sunday mornings? We need help on Sunday mornings running the sound board and other tech tasks. No experience necessary – we'll provide training! If you're interested, please let Dan Klock know (admin@uuprairie.org).

Bring your own picnic next Sunday. Next Sunday is July 4, and to celebrate we'll be having a bring your own picnic. We'll start the service as usual, then break into small group. Discussion topics will be provided while we picnic. Kids will stay in the yard playing with bubbles!

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 in the back yard of Prairie's Annex at 2006 Whenona Drive. Services are also streamed over Zoom.

- Sunday, June 27, 2021
10:00 Service
- Thursday, July 1, 2021
7:00 Program Committee
- Friday, July 2, 2021
4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)
- Saturday, July 3, 2021
10:00 PrairieWOW
- Sunday, July 4, 2021
10:00 Service
- Tuesday, July 6, 2021
7:00 Tuesday Trivia
- Friday, July 9, 2021
4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)
- Sunday, July 11, 2021
10:00 Service
- Tuesday, July 13, 2021
6:00 Board Meeting
- Friday, July 16, 2021
4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)
- Sunday, July 18, 2021
10:00 Service
- Tuesday, July 20, 2021
7:00 Tuesday Trivia
- Friday, July 23, 2021
4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)
- Saturday, July 24, 2021
10:00 Creativity and Connection
- Sunday, July 25, 2021
10:00 Joint Service with the Free Congregation

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Small Group Discussion and BYO Picnic

It's 4th of July!!! We'll start out with some of our normal service elements, but then break out into small groups with discussion starters. Bring a picnic and we'll enjoy the weather & company after the service.

Children will stay in the Meeting House yard during this holiday service. We will play with giant bubbles -- dress to get wet and soapy. Older youth can choose to join the service or the bubble fun.

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Flower Ceremony

The Flower Festival (aka Flower Ceremony or Flower Communion), is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow.

In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The congregation blesses the flowers and they're redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought.

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.