

Flower Ceremony

Order of Service

August 8, 2021

Prelude #94 (SLT): "What Is This Life," performed by Barbara Park and Rachel Long.

Welcome and Announcements: Barbara Park

Opening Words: Read by Matt Aspin.

Opening Music (round): "White Coral Bells," led by Barbara Park and Rachel Long.

Chalice Lighting #724 (SLT): "Consecration of the Flowers," read by Matt Aspin

Joys and Concerns

Presentation: "Norbert Capek and Prairie's Connection," by Robin Proud.

Discussion

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Offering and Offertory: "Bird Song," by the Wailin' Jennys. Performed by Barbara Park and Rachel Long.

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Closing Music #207 (SLT): "Earth Was Given as a Garden" Ron Frye, accompanist.

Closing Words #682 (SLT): From the Navajo Indians of North America

Beauty is before me, and
Beauty is behind me,
above me and below me
hovers the beautiful.
I am surrounded by it,
I am immersed in it.
In my youth, I am aware of it,
and, in old age,
I shall walk quietly the beautiful trail.
In beauty it is begun.
In beauty, it is ended.

Greet Your Neighbor

Announcements

We are sharing our Offering with the Allied Wellness Center. The Wellness Center is a neighborhood Center with the purpose of promoting health and wellness of the mind, body and spirit of people living in the Allied, Belmar and Dunn's Marsh neighborhoods. Through a philosophy of care and respect, we encourage participation and leadership to build a strong community. The Wellness Center connects people with important health resources and programs. Through a strong sense of community, and by encouraging everyone to make healthy choices, holistic wellness becomes available for all.

Parish Meeting August 29, after the service! We will be voting on a one word change to the bylaws and electing a member of the Nominating Committee. We are hoping to keep the meeting short!

Zoom services are coming to an end. When Covid 19 shut down our in-person services, our wonderful Program Committee got creative and rapidly adapted. In March of 2020, we had our first virtual service on Zoom. We started meeting outside in person on 6/13/22, and since 7/18/21 we are finally back in our main meeting house for Sunday services. We have continued to offer Zoom as an alternative to meeting in person, but it is extremely challenging to manage the technology for both an in person service and a live virtual one on Zoom - we just don't have the personnel or volunteers. The Program Committee has decided to discontinue Zoom moving forward.

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

Friday, August 13, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Sunday, August 15, 2021

10:00 Service

Saturday, August 17, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, August 20, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

7:00 Game Night

Sunday, August 22, 2021

10:00 Service

Friday, August 27, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, August 28, 2021

10:00 Creativity and Connection

Sunday, August 29, 2021

10:00 Service

11:15 Parish Meeting

11:30 Board

Friday, September 3, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, September 4, 2021

10:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, September 5, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, September 10, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Sunday, September 12, 2021

10:00 Service

Friday, September 17, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, August 15, 2021

“Prairie Celebrates Pride”

In celebration of Pride (leading up to Madison's annual Pride festival on 8/22), we will hear from a panel of Prairie members about their experiences as members of the LGBTQ+ community and how we can best support them.

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, August 29, 2021

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Sunday, September 5, 2021

Labor Day Service by Worker Justice Wisconsin

Worker Justice Wisconsin builds collective worker power through training, labor rights education, collective action and community engagement, with an emphasis on interfaith involvement. We prioritize worker- member involvement and leadership development, while working as a coalition to make change. We support the rights of all workers, and we celebrate our varying backgrounds, beliefs, and identities.

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.