

Prairie Celebrates Pride

Order of Service August 15, 2021

Prelude: “One Voice,” by the Wailin’ Jennys. Performed by Lynn Currie, Barbara Park, and Rachel Long.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words: by Frederico Garcia Lorca

“The day we stop resisting our instincts, we’ll have learned how to live.”.

Opening Song (round): “Wearing My Long Wing Feathers,” Arapaho round led by Lynn Currie, Barbara Park, and Rachel Long.

Chalice Lighting: “We Are People of Beauty,” Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson.

Recognizing the beauty around us and within us, in voice and spirit, we gather to light our chalice.

May we savor the beauty of our abundance and diversity, always cherishing one another and our earth.

May we remember to inhale the lushness in life knowing that we are a people of beauty.

Story for All Ages: When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Luckoff.

Joys and Concerns and Welcome Visitors

Silent Meditation

Presentation: Prairie Celebrates Pride — A panel discussion moderated by Katrina Thompson

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Everything Possible” by Fred Small. Performed by Lynn Currie and Rachel Long.

Closing Song: “Never Turning Back,” by Pat Humphries. Led by Mary Mullen and Patty Stockdale.

Closing Words: by Senator Tammy Baldwin

“There will not be a magic day when we wake up and it’s now okay to express ourselves publicly. We make that day by doing things publicly until it’s simply the way things are.”

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 Committee on Ministry. 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

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, August 20, 2021

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)

Sunday, September 19, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, August 22, 2021

“Hopes and Fears,” by Rev. Matt Aspin

Now what? Join us as our new minister begins his journey and shares his hopes (and fears!) about the road ahead.

Sunday, August 29, 2021

“Lessons Yet to Learn,” by Rev. Matt Aspin

Our saved history is made up of the ideas we have found to be valuable enough to pass down. As an ever evolving living tradition, our historians are the curators of our life-saving ideas. What new lessons are our historians capturing today?

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.