

Ingathering

Order of Service September 12, 2021

Prelude: Nocturne in C sharp minor by Chopin, performed by Amber.

Welcome and Announcements: Rachel Long

Chalice Lighting: by Janet Parsons

The flame of our chalice this morning
is a symbol of the warmth and brightness of our
connections.
The flame lights our way back together again
From our separate summer lives,
and it lights our way forward
Into this new church [society] year of promise and
renewal.

Opening Music #1064 (STJ): “Blue Boat Home,”
accompanied by Amber. *Lyrics projected on screen.
Please do not sing.*

**Ingathering Greeting from UUA President Rev.
Susan Frederick-Gray**

Reading: “Learning to Love This World,” by Molly
Housh Gordon.

We gather together this morning
tenderly—like drops of dew on a leaf of grass
hopefully—like gathered raindrops in a cloud
gleefully—like water rushing in a stream to the sea
deeply—like groundwater pulled up from a well
We gather from every direction,
for another year of growth and depth,
another year of companionship and hope,
another year of learning to love this world.
We gather like the water that joins us across all of
creation,
the water that connects us within and without:
merging and flowing across the entire world.

Joys and Concerns and Welcome Visitors

Silent Meditation

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Offering and Offertory: “Water,” by Bruns.

Closing Words: “So are we bound together” by
Elizabeth Lerner Maclay.

Closing Music: “Singing in the Rain,” Gene Kelly.

Greet Your Neighbor

*The audio of this service is being recorded for those who are
unable to attend today.*

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.

Green Note: Recycle your toothpaste tubes,
toothbrushes, and floss containers at Prairie!
There is a box on the shelf outside the restrooms.
This isures beauty that I love the most
[...].”—Jane Goodall. This novel won many
awards. an initiative by the Green Sanctuary
Committee.

Study Group Begins in September! After a
summer hiatus, Prairie’s Study Group will meet
the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm
via Zoom. The September meetings will be on
the 13th and 27th. We’ll be discussing the book
Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom,
Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants
by Robin Wall Kimmereras. Heidi Hughes will
lead the discussion.

**Would you like to be on the Committe on
Ministry?** Please contact a member of the
Nominating Committee.

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, September 12, 2021

10:00 Service
11:30 Board (Annex)
12:00 New Member Orientation (Meeting House)

Monday, September 13, 2021

7:00 Study Group

Friday, September 17, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, September 18, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

Sunday, September 19, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Thursday, September 23, 2021

5:00 Board

Friday, September 24, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, September 25, 2021

10:00 Creativity and Connection
4:40 Duntions&Dragons (beginners)

Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00 Service

Monday, September 27, 2021

7:00 Study Group

Friday, October 1, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, October 2, 2021

10:00 PrairieWOW
4:30 Dungeons&Drgons (beginners)

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, September 26, 2021

“Unitarian, Suffragist, and Black,” by Frances E. W. Harper.

Few of us have heard of Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, the leading Black poet of the 19th century, a novelist and essayist, a fighter for abolition, temperance and women’s suffrage. She chose to join the Unitarian church as an adult because it supported her aspirations for the country. The first full biography of this important figure has just been published to help us uncover her story.

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Building Dedication

Please join us for our building dedication!

Indoor service: 2010 Whenona Drive Madison (masks required ages 2 and up)

Childcare: Prairie's children and youth are meeting outdoors in Prairie's yard or going to Marlborough Park. Masks required ages 2 and up. Under 2, stay with parent or caregiver. Sign children in at the Crawford Street entrance to our meeting house, starting at 9:50

Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in humanrelations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.