

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

Order of Service
September 26, 2021

Prelude: Etude in C sharp minor by Dorn, performed by Amber.

Welcome and Announcements: Robin Proud

Chalice Lighting: by Frances E. W. Harper.

We are all bound up together in one great bundle of humanity, and society cannot trample on the weakest and feeblest of its members without receiving the curse in its own soul.

Opening Music #1018 (STJ): “Come and Go with Me”
Please do not sing.

Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land
where I’m bound (where I’m bound)

There’ll be freedom in that land...

There’ll be justice in that land...

There’ll be singin’ in that land...

Silent Meditation

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

Discussion

Closing Words: From *Iola Leroy* by Frances E. W. Harper.

Never will I recognize any religion which despises the least of our brethren.

Closing Music: “I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free,” by Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas, performed by Nina Simone.

Joys and Concerns and Welcome Visitors

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.

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 Kimmerer. Heidi Hughes will lead the discussion.

Would you like to be on the Committee on Ministry? The Committee on Ministry will work with the board, minister, congregation and other committees with the goals of strengthening the congregation’s ministry, which is the action we take to fulfill our mission. This committee will evaluate the performance of our minister, and give feedback to our leaders and congregation as a whole as to how to better fulfill our mission, including how we manifest our values within our congregation and in the local and global communities. Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee if you’re interested.

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

Please note that we are not meeting in person. All Prairie services and activities have returned to Zoom.

Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00 Service

Monday, September 27, 2021

7:00 Study Group

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats

Friday, October 1, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, October 2, 2021

10:00 PrairieWOW

4:30 Dungeons&Drgons (beginners)

Sunday, October 3, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, October 8, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, October 9, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Drgons (beginners)

Sunday, October 10, 2021

10:00 Service

Monday, October 11, 2021

7:00 Study Group

Friday, October 15, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, October 16, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Drgons (beginners)

Sunday, October 17, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Welcome All – New Member Recognition

Our congregation is holding a full Sunday service on October 3 to honor the newest members of Prairie UU Society. Our Rev. Matt Aspin will invite the congregation to welcome our new members and express our joy in having them become part of Prairie UU Society. We will hear from the new members, as well, if they wish to share something about themselves and how they came to our congregation.

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, October 17, 2021

“Evoking Spiritual Experience in Our Lives” by Ilene Haykus.

Our lives are characterized by growth. Physical, intellectual and emotional growth are easy to observe. But what about the less obvious area of personal development referenced in our third Unitarian Universalist Principle which promotes "spiritual growth?" In this morning's homily, Ilene Haykus M.A. will shed some light on the concept of spiritual growth and offer examples from her life and the lives of others. A discussion will follow.

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.