

## **“UU, the UN, and U” by Rev. Matt Aspin**

### **Order of Service**

**October 24, 2021**

**Prelude:** “Nocturne for Horn & Piano” by Gliere, performed by John

**Welcome and Announcements:** Alice Mandt

**Chalice Lighting:** from The Unitarian community of Rio de Janeiro

We light this flame as a reminder of our mission of being a light of the world. In unity with those who came before us, with whom we are a spiritual family. We shall be able to commit to the building of a community of free faith beyond geographical limits and personal beliefs. May we be a shelter to all who need it the most. Amen.

**Opening Song #34 (SLT):** “Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire”

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,

and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,

but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

### **Silent Meditation**

**Reading:** “We Are One” by Hope Johnson

**Presentation:** “UU, the UN, and U” by Rev. Matt Aspin

### **Discussion**

**Closing Music:** Intermezzo for Horn & Piano by Gliere, performed by John

**Closing Words:** “Do Not Fear Agitation” by Tania Márquez

**Closing Song:** “Peace Train” by Cat Stevens, performed by Playing for Change

### **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 this quarter’s offering with The Catalyst Project**, a community of up to four single moms and their kids who are experiencing homelessness. In partnership with founders Susan and Anna Donahoe, the families gain access to permanent housing and other support services while living community-style in a house on Madison’s east side. Catalyst is founded on the belief that the wisdom of those who are not well served by society is essential to creating a society that serves all of its people.

### **The Study Group Continues in October!**

Prairie’s Study Group meets via Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. October’s book selection will be Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. The discussion will be led by Pam Gates. Part 2 of the discussion will be on October 25.

**Service Auction Sunday, November 7!** Have you thought of what you can offer? Please keep covid safety and uncertainty in mind for anything you offer. We expect to have the 2022 auction in March so, for this auction consider items that would be good for the fall and winter months. Please submit items *by October 21* using the form linked on [the front page](#) of Prairie’s website. Contact Chris Porter (finance@uuprairie.org) or Suzanne Gerandt (treasurer@uuprairie.org) with questions.

**Parish Meeting today after service.** The business of the meeting will be to vote on the Nominating Committee’s recommendation for the member of the Committee on Ministry elected by the congregation.

### **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 Sunday Services have returned to Zoom.**

**Friday, October 22, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**

10:00 Creativity and Connection

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

10:00 Service

11:15 Parish Meeting

**Monday, October 25, 2021**

7:00 Study Group

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

7:30 Rev. Matt Chats

**Friday, October 29, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, October 30, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

1:00 Rev. Matt Chats

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

7:30 Rev. Matt Chats

**Friday, November 5, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, November 6, 2021**

10:00 PrairieWOW

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

10:00 Service Auction

### Prairie Staff and Board Members

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### Upcoming Services

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

All Souls Day

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**Service Auction**

**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

“What Can You Do About Climate Change?”  
by Ankur Desai

You have probably heard stories in the news about climate change or global warming. If these stories are all true, what does it mean for the future? Or maybe the stories are exaggerated? Either way, how should we be good stewards of the only planet we've lived on? Solutions to global warming can sound either trivial or downright draconian and expensive. Let's discuss what we know about the science, what it means for ecosystems and society, and why developing climate policy or technological solutions are so difficult. What can you actually do to ensure a healthy, prosperous, sustainable, and just world? I will present some of the basics of climate change and some of our research at UW-Madison on impacts of climate change to Wisconsin forests and wetlands. But most of all, I'd like to use this time to let you hold a discussion and ask all the questions you want about climate change and possible solutions.

### **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 human relations;
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.