

All Souls Day

Order of Service

October 31, 2021

Prelude: "Themes and Variations" from Opus 41 by Sebastian Lee, performed by Aidan Small

Welcome and Announcements: Mary Mullen

Testimonial: Dan Proud

Pledge Song: Recorded by Dan Proud, Barbara Park, Mary Mullen, and Patty Stockdale.

Chalice Lighting #439 (SLT): "We Gather in Reverence" by Sophia Lyon Fahs

We gather in reverence before the wonder of life –

The wonder of this moment.

The wonder of being together, so close yet so apart –

Each hidden in our own secret chamber,

Each listening, each trying to speak –

Yet none fully understanding, none fully understood.

We gather in reverence before all intangible things –

That eyes see not, nor ears can detect –

That hands can never touch,

that space cannot hold,

and time cannot measure.

Silent Meditation

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- Centering Words
- History of this service
- Saying aloud those who have gone before us
- Sharing of pictures, momentos or stories of loved ones who are no longer with us
- Closing Thoughts

Offering and Offertory: "Preludio" from Op. 5 by Arcangelo Corelli, performed by Aidan Small

Closing Music #123 (SLT): "Spirit of Life" Recording by Dan Proud, Barb Park, Mary Mullen, and Patty Stockdale.
Please do not sing.

Closing Words #696 (SLT): by Mary Oliver

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 November! Prairie's Study Group meets via Zoom the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. November's book selection will be Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond. Part 1 of the discussion will be on November 8.

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 using the form linked on the front page of Prairie's website. Contact Chris Porter (finance@uuprairie.org) or Suzanne Gernandt (treasurer@uuprairie.org) with questions.

The Fall Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m. We'll be voting on the 2022 budget and electing a new Board member.

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, October 31, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

1:00 Rev Matt's Chats

7:30 Rev. Matt's 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

Monday November 8, 2021

7:00 Study Group

Friday, November 12, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, November 13, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

Sunday, November 14, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats

7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

Friday, November 19, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

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? 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.

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Fall Parish Meeting

We'll start at 10:00 a.m. with a short service, then move into the meeting. Among other items, we'll be voting on the 2022 budget and electing a Board member.

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.