

## “Now Is the Time for Courageous Change”

### Order of Service November 28, 2021

**Prelude:** “Keep Smiling” by Carubia, performed by Amber.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Barbara Park

#### **Opening Music #1023 (STJ): “Building Bridges”**

Building Bridges between our divisions,  
I reach out to you, will you reach out to me?  
With all of our voices and all of our visions,  
friends, we could make such sweet harmony.

**Chalice Lighting:** “Blessed is the Fire That Burns Deep in the Soul” by Eric A Heller-Wagner

Blessed is the fire that burns deep in the soul. It is the flame of the human spirit touched into being by the mystery of life. It is the fire of reason; the fire of compassion; the fire of community; the fire of justice; the fire of faith. It is the fire of love burning deep in the human heart; the divine glow in every life.

#### **Silent Meditation**

#### **UU Staff Members Introduce UUSC**

**Presentation:** “Power, Partnership, and Change” by Rev. Mary Katherine Morn

#### **Stories of Hope**

Axel Fuentes, USA  
Myra Dahgaypaw, Burma/Myanmar  
Kioa Island Community Organization, Fiji  
Cristian Guzmán Merlo, Nicaragua

#### **Discussion**

#### **[Guest at Your Table Donation Process](#)**

**Closing Music:** “Will-o-the-Wisp” by Gurlitt, performed by Amber

**Closing Words:** “Choose to Bless the World,” by Rebecca Parker.

**Closing Song: #134 (SLT): “Our World is One World”**

#### **Joys and Concerns; Welcome Guests and Visitors**

*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 December!** Prairie’s Study Group will meet via Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in December (Dec. 13) to discuss the book [The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez-A Border Story](#) by Aaron Bobrow-Strain. The Study Group will not meet on Monday, December 27, but return on Monday, January 10, to discuss [The Water Dancer](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

**Join Rev. Matt Wednesday, December 1 at 1:00pm or 7:30 pm, for Matt’s Chats!** Matt’s Chats offer a space where Prairie Members can drop in to touch base, develop new connections, and potentially have some interesting discussions along the way.

No long term commitment required, just a desire to connect, share a bit of your story, and maybe even learn a thing or two.

Find the link to Rev. Matt’s Chats [on Prairie’s website](#).

### **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, November 28, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats

7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

**Friday, December 3, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

10:00 PrairieWOW

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

**Friday, December 10, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, December 11, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

10:00 Symbol Tree

**Monday, December 13, 2021**

7:00 Study Group

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats

7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

**Friday, December 17, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

"Working With Families and Mental Illness" by John Germandt

Learn about what John Germandt has been presenting to Madison police officers going through the CIT (Critical Intervention Training).

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

Symbol Tree

In this all ages service, attendees can bring a physical item that represents an important milestone from the past year and talk about it.

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

Service

**Sunday, January 2, 2021**

Service



**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.