

Symbol Tree

Order of Service December 12, 2021

Prelude: "I Got Yer Rhythm," by Carubia, performed by Amber.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Matt Aspin

Opening Song: "Ding, Dong, Merrily On High," performed by Dan Proud, Deesa Pence, Barb Park, and Morris Sadicario.

Chalice Lighting: by David Breeden

So far, we have lit a chalice of patience and one to dispel the darkness. This week we pledge to work for that most rare of things—peace on earth.

In this holiday season,
May the darkness of winter
Be dispelled in this festival of lights,
And may the darkness of ignorance
Be dispelled in the strength
Of compassion, reason,
And sharing.

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages: Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud

Presentation: Symbol Tree

Relates to 1st Principle – The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Closing Words: by Desmond Tutu

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Closing Music: "Happy Holidays," by Berlin, performed by Amber.

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 2nd 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 15 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, 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)

Sunday, December 19, 2021

10:00 Service

11:30 Board

Sunday, December 26, 2021

10:00 Service

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats

7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

Friday, December 31, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:00 Service

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, January 7, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:00 Service

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Prairie Poetry Share

Bring your own winter/holiday/family/friends poetry or favorite poems to share to the group. If you have favorite non-winter themed poems, you can bring them as well.

Sunday, January 2, 2021

"Wishes for the New Year"

Sunday, January 9, 2021

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, January 16, 2021

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, January 23, 2021

Service by Lisa Glick



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.