

“An Elephant in the Room?” by Rev. Matt Aspin

Order of Service
January 16, 2022

Prelude: “An die Musik (To Music)” by Schubert, performed by Karlos Moses.

So many times has music soothed my sadness
when troubles pierce my soul and wound my heart.
Then music comes and brings me healing gladness.
For that I give you thanks, beloved art;
my deepest thanks, beloved art.

Welcome and Announcements: Robin Proud

Opening Song #131 (SLT): “Love Will Guide Us,” performed by Dan Proud, Barb Park, Deesa Pence, and Amber.

Chalice Lighting: “The Great Lesson,” by the Rev Olympia Brown.

Story For All Ages: “The Day You Begin,” by Jacqueline Woodson.

Silent Meditation

Reading: “The Limits of Tyrants,” by Frederick Douglass.

Presentation: “An Elephant in the Room?” by Rev. Matt Aspin.

Discussion

Closing Words: “The Task of Religious Community,” by Mark Morrison-Reed.

Closing Music: “Make Them Hear You,” with Dominique Wooten Embretson and the First Universalist Choir of Minneapolis.

Joys and Concerns; Welcome Guests and Visitors

This service is being recorded for those who are unable to attend today.



Announcements



We are sharing our Offering this quarter with the Tenant Resource Center which is dedicated to promoting positive relations between rental housing consumers (tenants) and providers (landlords) by providing information and referrals, education about rental rights and responsibilities, and access to conflict resolution.

The Study Group Continues in February! Prairie’s Study Group will meet via Zoom the 2nd Monday in February (Feb. 14) to discuss the book Behind the Kitchen Door by Saru Jayaraman, led by Katrina Thompson.

March 2022: Let the Record Show by Sarah Schulman

April 2022: Colonize This! Young Women of Color on Today’s Feminism edited by Daisy Hernandez and Bushra Rehman

Join Rev. Matt Wednesday, January 26 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, January 16, 2022

10:00 Service

Thursday, January 20, 2022

5:30 Board

Friday, January 21, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, January 22, 2022

10:00 Creativity and Connection

Sunday, January 23, 2022

10:00 Service

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats

7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

Friday, January 28, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Sunday, January 30, 2022

10:00 Service

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, February 4, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, February 5, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, February 6, 2022

10:00 Service

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

1:00 Matt's Chats

7:30 Matt's Chats

Friday, February 11, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, January 23, 2022

"Befriending Our Wounds: A Meditation," by Lisa Glueck.

Everyone suffers emotional pain. Collectively, we're hit with the pandemic, climate change, environmental degradation, and political chaos. Individually, we worry about our children, our parents, our friends, our financial security and our health. No wonder we're stressed! Sometimes we feel alone in our misery, but actually we're all in this boat together. Lisa Glueck (she/her) will speak about mindfulness and meditation, then lead a guided meditation designed to help us embrace and transform our internal wounds.

Sunday, January 30, 2022

"Caroline Healey Dall: Among the Transcendentalists" by Robin Proud.

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Winter Reads

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Service

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

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.