

“Reproductive Justice,” by UUA Side With Love

Order of Service
February 13, 2022

Prelude: Excerpt of “Romanze”, from String Quartet in E flat major by Fanny Mendelssohn, performed by the Eudora Quartet, based in the Netherlands, prioritizing performing female composers past and present.

Welcome and Announcements: Johanna Hatch

Opening Words: “Seek for The Spirit,” by Elizabeth M. Strong

Seek for the spirit of life that is within you;
That you might know more fully its power and strength.
Seek for the spirit of life that surrounds you;
That you might know more fully its connection to you.
Seek for the spirit of life that is within others;
That you might enter more fully into the community that embraces us,
This day and every day.

Opening Music #1007 (STJ): “There’s a River Flowing in My Soul,” by Rose Sanders, performed by First Parish in Cambridge.

Chalice Lighting

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “We Need to Talk About Abortion,” by Rev Sally Fritsche.

Discussion

Closing Words: “You Are Loved,” by Rev. Gretta Jo Seidohl
You Are Loved

“Everyone loves someone who had an abortion”

And let’s talk about the flip side:
If you had an abortion, YOU ARE LOVED.

If you’ve never told a soul
Or if you share your story regularly,
You are loved.

If you are confident in your decision,
Or wonder if it was the right choice,
You are loved.

Closing Words, continued

If you are a queer, non-binary, trans, two-spirit,
Or a cis-woman,
You are loved.

If you are child-free by choice,
Or want to have kids eventually,
You are loved.

If your choice was driven by medical viability,
Or your own emotional health,
You are loved.

If you found a provider to care for you,
Or had to rely on yourself,
You are loved.

If you were always pro-choice,
Or if your choice conflicts with your beliefs,
You are loved.

If you love your body,
Or are still angry with your body,
You are loved.

If you believe god loves you,
Or you believe in nothing divine at all.
You are loved.

If you find yourself reflected here,
Or your truth is more than words and ink post can,

YOU ARE LOVED.

Closing Music #1051 (STJ): “We Are,” by Ysaye M. Barnwell, performed by Alena Hemingway and Brian Kenny

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.

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates to fill some key positions: President, At-Large Board Member, Youth Board Member, and Nominating Committee Member. We encourage you to please consider deepening your connection to Prairie by serving in one of these roles. The openings are President, At-Large Board Member, Youth Board Member, and Nominating Committee Member. If you are interested in filling one of these openings, please contact the [Nominating Committee](#). The Nominating Committee are Kent Wenger (chair), Rebecca Strome, Paula Pachciarz, and Heidi Hughes.

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, February 20, 2022

“E Pluribus Unum” by Rev. Matt Aspin

Out of many, one. This concept is foundational to both the stated ideals of our country, and to the covenantal promises of our chosen faith tradition. We profess democracy to offer the best path forward for our collective betterment. So this begs the questions...how is this fledgling model of self-governance holding up over time?

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, March 6, 2022

“Imagining the Next Normal of the Coronavirus Pandemic” by Ajay Sethi

Two years ago, Wisconsin was faced with the threat of widespread community transmission of a novel coronavirus, leading to the Safer at Home order and a period of uncertainty and anxiety for everyone. Since then, safe and effective vaccines to prevent the worst outcomes of Covid have helped society endure multiple waves of the pandemic fueled by newer variants of SARS-CoV-2. Today, we still live with much uncertainty but greater wisdom as we face the future of the pandemic. In this talk, we will explore what living with the pandemic will look like moving forward. This is sponsored by Badgertalks.

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.