

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

**Order of Service**

**March 6, 2022**

**Prelude:** “Sheep May Safely Graze,” by J.S. Bach from Cantata No. 208, performed by Karlos & Melinda Moses.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Robin Proud

**Opening Music #346 (SLT):** “Come Sing a Song With Me”, performed by Deesa Pence, Barb Park, and Amber.

**Chalice Lighting:** “Our Community Knows No Boundaries,” by Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee, read by Barb Park.

Our community knows no boundaries.  
We are not confined by the physical limits of walls  
Or, for that matter, of what often binds us,  
restricts us, holds us back.

We are free-er than we know  
When we release ourselves, and each other, from  
expectations  
Of what is needed, for true community.

We are here, together, in space

I see you, I hear you, I love you  
And I light this chalice,  
a beacon of this community  
Holding us all together.  
Here.  
Now.

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** “Imagining the Next Normal of the Coronavirus Pandemic” by Ajay Sethi.

**Discussion**

**Closing Words:** “Hope” by Jennifer Pratt-Walter, read by Dan Proud.

See how the winds  
have shaped her hands to  
hold hope?  
So tenuous, it trembles  
like a hummingbird’s heart.

She gently carries hope  
to a nest in the midst  
of the maelstrom and tilts it  
into the bowl of tiny feathers and mosses.  
Hope is so hard to cup.

She might need your help  
when it seeps through the cracks  
of her fingers. Place your hands  
like this around hers.  
Together it can be done.

When it hatches, when the nest  
is no more, watch the wind pick up hope  
and lay it softly into the welcome  
of upraised palms.

**Closing Music:** “The Keep Going Song” by The Bengsons.

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

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

**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.*

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 March!** Prairie's Study Group will meet via Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March (March 14) to discuss the book Let the Record Show by Sarah Schulman, led by Rachel Long.

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. 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](#).

**Save the Dates!**

Prairie Auction: April 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Retreat: April 29th-May 1<sup>st</sup>

Stay tuned for additional details about these 2 exciting events!

You can find Prairie's event calendar [here](#).

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Upcoming Services

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

*Daylight Saving Time begins*

"Reconvening" by Rev. Matt Aspin.

As we begin the tentative process of binding back together, let us first pause and take a breath together. And then another. There is grief that needs tending before we rush back into the fray.

**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

Service by Anne Pryor

**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

"Healthcare and Homelessness," by Matt Julian.

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**

*Auction*

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

Service

**Sunday, April 17, 2022**

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

Service by Gary Gates

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

Key Log Ceremony as part of the Prairie Retreat

**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.