

## "Beginner's Mind," by Rev. Matt Aspin.

### Order of Service

March 20, 2022

**Prelude:** Excerpt from "Suite No. 3" by Romain, performed by Amber. *Please hold applause until finished.*

**Welcome and Announcements:** Renee Deschard

**Opening Music: #1031 (STJ):** "Filled with Loving Kindness"

*Note: 2nd verse, replace "I" with "you", 3rd verse replace "I" with "we".*

**Chalice Lighting:** "Open to Unexpected Answers," by Julianne Lepp

We seek our place in the world  
and the answers to our hearts' deep questions.  
As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected  
answers.

May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a  
community of warmth,  
of wisdom,  
and welcoming of multiple truths.

**Story for All Ages:** Sit with Me: Meditation for Kids in Seven Easy Steps by Carolyn Kanjuro.

**Childrens Recessional:** by Joyce Poley

*As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.  
Go in joy, go in joy!  
May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.  
Go in love, go in love.*

**Reading:** by Shunryu Suzuki

"In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities; in the  
expert's mind there are few....

In the beginner's mind there is no thought, 'I have attained  
something.' All self-centered thoughts limit our vast  
mind.

When we have no thought of achievement, no thought of  
self, we are true beginners.

Then we can really learn something."

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** "Reconvening," by Rev. Matt Aspin.

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Excerpt from "Suite No. 3" by Romain,  
performed by Amber. *Please hold applause until finished.*

**Closing Words:** "Letting Go," by Jay Wolin.

Are we a people of holding on or of letting go?  
Holding on to rigid ideas or  
Letting go and opening our minds and our hearts, to  
something new;  
Holding on to certainty of how things should be or  
Letting go and living with the uncertainty of new ways  
of being in the world;  
Holding on to what makes us comfortable or  
Letting go so we may grow which can be  
uncomfortable;  
Holding on to what makes us safe or  
Letting go to make room to help others feel safe?  
With this flame, this symbol of our religion,  
let it be a symbol of burning up the ties that hold us  
back from being our true self and reaching our true  
potential;  
let it be a symbol of lighting a new way for us into a  
better tomorrow;  
and let it be a symbol of letting go  
Because holding on too long and too tightly is never  
good for the soul.

**Closing Music #16 (SLT):** "Tis a Gift to Be Simple"  
*Please sing through twice.*

**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.

Our spring auction will be Sunday April 3rd at 10am. Live and in person! The link to submit offered items on the can be found here: [Auction Item Submission Form](#). What exciting, useful, tasty, fun things can you offer?

**The Study Group Continues in April!** Prairie's Study Group will meet via Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in April (April 11) to discuss the book Colonize This! Young Women of Color on Today's Feminism edited by Daisy Hernandez and Bushra Rehman, led by Pageen Small.

**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](#).

New Adult Religious Exploration offerings available at Prairie!

**Article II Study Commission:** 8 sessions. Each two hour session that will inform, inspire, and challenge you to think deeply about the Principles & Sources, Purpose of the UUA, the Inclusion Clause and Freedom of Belief Statement.

**Spiritual Exploration Group:** Explore your own spirituality and help define spirituality at Prairie.

Contact [Rev. Matt Aspin](#) for form information!

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## Upcoming Services

**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**

*Retreat April 29 to May 1*

Key Log Ceremony as part of the Prairie Retreat

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

Service

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Service

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

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.