

“Three Generations of Veterans,” by Dan Proud.

Order of Service

May 29, 2022

Prelude: “When Will the Fighting Cease?” words by Nick Page and Nita Penfold, music by Melchior Franck; performed by the Prairie choir.

Welcome and Announcements: Dan Proud

Opening Music: “Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream,” by Ed McCurdy.

Last night I had the strangest dream, I'd never dreamed before;

I dreamed the world had all agreed to put an end to war.

I dreamed I saw a mighty room, the room was filled with men,

And the paper they were signing said, They'd never fight again.

And when the paper was all signed, and a million copies made,

They all joined hands and bowed their heads and grateful prayers were prayed.

And the people in the streets below were dancing round and round,

While swords and guns and uniforms were scattered on the ground.

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Chalice Lighting: Read by Thomas Hopfensperger, Vets on Frets.

Mindful of the second and sixth UU principles—justice, equity and compassion in human relations; and world community with peace, liberty and justice for all—we light this chalice to honor the fallen servicemen and women who gave their lives for this country. We also honor the families of those heroes, and those who serve and have served, all in the cause of world peace, freedom, and justice.

Story for All Ages:

Children's 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.

Silent Meditation

Reading: From *Xin Loi, Viet Nam* by Al Sever; read by Rick Larson.

The older males we knew were strictly blue-collar workers whose biggest adventure in life was to have served in the Big War, WWII. We grew up hearing stories of our relatives and neighbors conquering the Japanese and Germans....After WWII stories, it seemed that every adult's second favorite conversation was to complain about every level of government. Yet it was somehow understood that everyone was expected to back the government and its policies, no matter what their personal feelings might be about those policies.

Presentation: “Three Generations of Veterans,” by Dan Proud.

Special Music: (WWII Era) “Letter to a Hero,” by Dan Proud; performed by Dan Proud, Vets on Frets, and Nancy Wunderlin.

Discussion

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.

Offering and Offertory: (Vietnam and Middle East conflicts)
“Welcome Home, Anyway,” by Dan Proud; performed by Dan Proud and Vets on Frets.

Closing Words: From Dwight D. Eisenhower’s Farewell Address, 1961; read by Dan Proud.

During the long lane of the history yet to be written, America knows that this world of ours, ever growing smaller, must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect....To all the peoples of the world, I once more give expression to America’s prayerful and continuing aspiration: We pray that peoples of all faiths, all races, all nations, may have their great human needs satisfied; that those now denied opportunity shall come to enjoy it to the full; that all who have freedom will understand, also, its heavy responsibility; that all who are insensitive to the needs of others will learn charity; and that the scourges of poverty, disease, and ignorance will be made to disappear from the earth.

Closing Music: #388 (SLT) “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Joys and Concerns & Welcome Guests and Visitors

Greet your Neighbor

Announcements

We are sharing our offering for this quarter with The Catalyst Project, a small community of up to three single moms and their young kids who have experienced homelessness. Catalyst offers collaborative problem-solving, trauma-informed mentoring, and client-specific therapeutic intervention. The Catalyst Project was founded on the belief that the wisdom of those grossly mistreated by our society and its discriminatory systems is essential to creating a society that serves all of its people.

Spiritual Exploration Group will meet on Thursday, June 2, at 1:00 p.m. This week's topic is “Gardening as a Spiritual Practice” led by Rev. Matt. No preparation or reading is required; it will be an opportunity to quiet our minds, share what’s going on in our hearts, experience presence together, and deepen our sense of community. Please join us!

Prairie’s women’s group - Women of Wonder (WOW) - meets the first Saturday of almost every month at 10:00 a.m. ALL women associated with Prairie are welcome to attend – especially newcomers. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4.

Advanced Dungeons and Dragons meets every Friday at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom. This group is open to anyone who has played DND and knows how to create a character. Regular attendance is encouraged to keep up with the current adventure. Contact Peggy Small to be connected with Dungeon Master Harlan.

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.

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