

**“Laura M. Towne: Unitarian Abolitionist & Co-Founder of The Penn Center” by Anne Pryor**

**Order of Service**

**June 19, 2022**

**Prelude:** “French Folk Song” performed by Marie and Miles.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Music:** “Come, Live with Pleasure” by Handel, arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen, performed by the Prairie Choir, Nancy Wunderlin and Heidi Hughes.

**Chalice Lighting:** From “On the Pulse of Morning” by Maya Angelou.

Lift up your eyes upon  
This day breaking for you.  
Give birth again  
To the dream.

**Story for All Ages:** All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom by Angela Johnson.

**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**

**Presentation:** “Laura M. Towne: Unitarian Abolitionist & Co-Founder of The Penn Center” by Anne Pryor.

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** “Lightly Row” performed by Marie and Miles.

**Closing Words:** From “On the Pulse of Morning” by Maya Angelou.

Here, on the pulse of this new day  
You may have the grace to look up and out  
And into your sister’s eyes, and into  
Your brother’s face, your country  
And say simply  
Very simply  
With hope—  
Good morning.

**Closing Music:** “America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)” by Samuel Francis Smith, accompanied by Carl Wacker.

*Lyrics on back.*

**Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors**

**Greet Your Neighbor**

**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.*

**Lyrics:** “America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)” by Samuel Francis Smith, accompanied by Carl Wacker.

My country, ‘tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the Pilgrims’ Pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble, free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills,  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees,  
Sweet freedom’s song;  
Let mortal tongues awake,  
Let all that breathe partake,  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers’ God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright,  
With freedom’s holy light,  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

### Announcements

**We are sharing our offering** 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 30 at 1:00 p.m. 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!

**Rev. Matt’s Summer Schedule** Rev. Matt will be at GA from 6/17 to 6/27 and back at Prairie from 6/28 to 7/5. From 7/6 to 8/6, Rev. Matt will be taking vacation and study leave and will be unavailable except in case of emergency. He will be watching for urgent emergencies (family emergencies, natural disasters, etc.), but will be largely disconnected, especially from 7/14 to 7/24 when he will be in the Northwoods. Staff has instructions on escalation procedures in case of emergency.

**PrairieWOW meets on Saturday, July 2, at 10:00 a.m.** Prairie’s women’s group - Women of Wonder (WOW) - meets the first Saturday of almost every month at 10 a.m. ALL women associated with Prairie are welcome to attend – especially newcomers.

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### **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.