

“Thomas Wentworth Higginson: Unitarian Minister and The Civil War” by Al Nettleton

Order of Service August 21, 2022

Prelude: “Heart’s-ease” from The Dancing Master and “Packington’s Pound” from Pleasant Musical Companion, performed by Evelyn Kain and Nancy Wundelrin.

Welcome and Announcements: Suzanne Gernandt

Chalice Lighting: by Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

“All... religions show the same disparity between belief and practice, and each is safe till it tries to exclude the rest. Test each sect by its best or its worst as you will, by its high-water mark of virtue or its low-water mark of vice. But falsehood begins when you measure the ebb of any other religion against the flood-tide of your own. There is a noble and a base side to every history.”

Opening Music: “Bound to Go,” sung by Ron Frye.

Story for All Ages: Maybe by Kobi Yamada, read by Aileen Nettleton.

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: by Abraham Lincoln, January 1, 1863

“And by virtue of the power . . . I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

Presentation: “Thomas Wentworth Higginson: Unitarian Minister and The Civil War” by Al Nettleton

Music: John Brown Song

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “When the Cows Come Home” and “Mary Morison”, from Scottish Lowland Songs, arranged by Josephine Bowden, performed by Evelyn and Nancy.

Closing Words: “In the Leaving” by Jan Richardson.

“Our true religious life begins when we discover that there is an Inner Light, not infallible but invaluable, which “lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” Then we have something to steer by; and it is chiefly this, and not an anchor, that we need. The human soul, like any other noble vessel, was not built to be anchored, but to sail.”

Closing Music: Sing-along Civil War song video

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.

Announcements

For the third quarter of 2022, Prairie will share its offertory collection with Wilma's Fund, which provides assessments and assistance to LGBTQ+ people who are experiencing homelessness, as well as support to prevent homelessness in this population. The fund was established in 2011.

Please save the date for Sunday, September 25th for our Building Dedication service followed by a Festive Fall Fair welcoming Prairie folks and the community with open house tours, fun activities, food, and raffle.

Magic Pride Festival today, from 1-6pm at Warner Park. Prairie will have a booth! There will also be a stage show, food and beverages, and many other booths. Stop by!

The Nominating Committee is seeking a new member for the Committee On Ministry. Please see the Prairie Weekly News or prairienews emails for more information. Please consider serving our community in this important role. Let us know if you are interested by August 31. The Nominating Committee is Heidi Hughes, Rachel Long, Paula Pachciarz, and Kent Wenger.

Creativity and Connection is a monthly get together to connect and work on creative projects. Peggy Small is leading this group which is open to any level of artistic ability, but best for ages 8 and up. Each month we'll get together to work on a project using supplies you should have on hand. The focus will be on the creative process rather than the outcome, but there will be an opportunity to share your project at the end (optional). Projects can vary from writing to drawing to crafting. The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 7, at 10:00 a.m.

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Calendar

Sunday, August 21, 2022

10:00 Service

1:00 Magic Pride Fest

Friday, August 26, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday, August 27, 2022

10:00 Creativity and Connection

Sunday, August 28, 2022

10:00 Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Friday, September 2, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday, September 3, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, September 4, 2022

10:00 Service: "Labor In The Pulpit" by Frida Ballard and Socorro Cortez

Friday, September 9, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

Sunday, September 11, 2022

10:00 Service: "Ingathering"

Friday, September 16, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

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.