

"The Discovered Why" by Rev Matt Aspin

Order of Service

August 28, 2022

Prelude: "Giga" by Bach, arranged by Kreisler, performed by Amber.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Matt Aspin

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.

Opening Music: #66 SLT "When the Summer Sun Is
Shining," accompanied by Amber.

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: "We are here because we are people of faith" by
Kendyl R Gibbons.

We are here because we are people of faith. Within each of
us lives the conviction of a saving faith that could restore
our broken planet and illuminate the lives of our sisters and
brothers.

Ancient wisdom teaches that we who would save the world
must first save ourselves. We who would restore the planet
must learn to restore the broken structures of the
institutions closest to hand; to illuminate the lives of our
companions and friends.

To this end let us center ourselves, acknowledging the
trouble of mind and vexation of spirit that accompany us
even here.

Let us open ourselves to that creative mystery which is at
work in our striving, whose servants we are and seek to be.

Presentation: "The Discovered Why" by Rev. Matt
Aspin.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: "Blue Rondo a la Turk" by
Brubeck, performed by Amber

Closing Words: "I Send You Out" By Kelly Weisman
Asprooth-Jackson

I send you out now, to share yourself with the world
May its promise and complexity set your mind ablaze
May you hold fast to what your life has taught you
May you question everything
And when you have changed the world,
And the world has changed you,
May you return again, to this place,
And share what you have learned with us.

Closing Music: #354 "We Laugh, We Cry," verses 1, 2,
and 4, accompanied by Amber.

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.

Building Dedication and Fall Fair Sunday, September 25th
Join us Sunday morning, September 25, for our building dedication and open house, with tours! A festive Fall Fair after the dedication welcomes families from the congregation and community with fun activities, food, and a raffle.

10:00am: Building Dedication
11:00am: Live Auction
11:30am to 2:00pm: Food, Music, Kids Activities
1:30: Raffle

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.

Prairie's Choir begins rehearsals in September. Would you like to join? The choir rehearses each Sunday from 8:45 to about 9:30 and performs once a month. Child care is being arranged for rehearsals. If you're interested in joining, contact Prairie's choir director, Barbara Park.

Calendar

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"
11:30 Parish Meeting

Friday, September 16, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

Sunday, September 18, 2022

10:00 Service: "Destigmatizing Reproductive Justice" by Katrina Thompson, Evelyn Kain, Pageen Small
12:00 Humanist Union

Friday, September 23, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

Sunday, September 25, 2022

10:00 Building Dedication
11:00 Fall Fair

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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.