

Ingathering/Water Communion

Order of Service September 11, 2022

Prelude: "Prelude" by Rachmaninov, performed by Karlos Moser

Welcome and Announcements: Kathy Converse

Chalice Lighting: Chalice lighting on "Belonging" by *Rev. Karen LeBlanc

An Ingathering message from Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Opening Music: STJ #1064 "Blue Boat Home", accompanied by Karlos

Story for All Ages: Joelito's Big Decision: La Gran Decisión de Joelito by Ann Berlak.

Story for All Ages

1. Rain Ritual
2. Tale of the Journeying Stream- A Sufi story

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Relates to our 7th UU Principle-The Interdependent Web of which we are all a part

Offering and Offertory: "The Pathways of Love" by Poulenc, performed by Karlos

Closing Words: "All Rivers Run to the Sea" by Kayle Rice

It starts with a drop,
Then a trickle...
A burble, a rush of water, bubbling toward its destination;
And finally the wide, endless sea.
All rivers run to the sea.
Today you brought water
Poured it into a common bowl.
Though our experiences have differed,
These waters mingle, signifying our common humanity.
Today you came
And shared in this sacred community.
May you depart this sacred space,
Hearts filled with hope for new beginnings;
A fresh start.
Go forth, but return to this community,
Where rivers of tears may be shed,
Where dry souls are watered,
Where your joy bubbles,
Where your life cup overflows,
Where deep in your spirit you have found in this place
a home.
All rivers run to the sea.

Closing Music: SLT #100 "I've Got Peace Like a River", accompanied by Karlos

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 will follow.

10:00am: Building Dedication

11:00am: Live Auction

11:30am to 2:00pm: Food, Music, Kids Activities

1:30: Raffle

Vaccinations against flu and COVID for 3-year-olds and up will be provided by Fitchburg Family Pharmacy in the Annex at the Fall Fair on September 25, 2022, from 11 am to 2 pm. Bring your insurance card. Donations will be accepted for those in the community without insurance.

Parish Meeting September 18, after the service

The Nominating Committee has nominated Anne Pryor as our new Committee on Ministry member, to replace Mary Frantz who is stepping down. Anne is a long time Prairie member who will bring a wealth of skills and energy and her own thoughtful perspective to the COM. Please come to the brief **Special Parish Meeting after service on 9/18/22**, when our only agenda item will be to elect Anne as the new member of the Committee on Ministry.

Calendar

Thursday, September 15, 2022

7:00 Prairie Men's Group

Sunday, September 18, 2022

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

11:30 **Parish Meeting**

12:00 Humanist Union

Saturday, September 24, 2022

10:00 Creativity and Connection

Sunday, September 25, 2022

10:00 Building Dedication: "Building Our Future"

11:00 Fall Fair

Saturday, October 1, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, October 2, 2022

10:00 Service: Animal Blessing

Sunday, October 9, 2022

10:00 Service: "Flashbacks" by Gene Kain

Sunday, October 16, 2022

10:00 Service

Sunday, October 23, 2022

10:00 Service

Sunday, October 30, 2022

10:00 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.

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