

Building Dedication

Order of Service **September 25, 2022**

Prelude: "Prairie Sunrise" by Melody Bober, performed by Amber

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Matt Aspin

Chalice Lighting: "We Bless This Sanctuary" by Sandra Fees

We light this chalice to honor our past,
for the founders and prophets of Unitarian Universalism
who paved the way for our liberal religion in the world
and also for the individuals
who gave birth to our religious community here.
We light this chalice to honor our present,
for our search for truth and meaning,
our nurture of diverse spiritual paths,
and our service to the cause of love and justice,
acknowledging our sacred responsibility
to live our principles with integrity.
We light this chalice to honor our future,
for a kinder and fairer world,
for a people and a planet made whole
by the Spirit of Life.

Opening Music: "Simple Gifts/Pachelbel's Canon" by Johann Pachelbel arranged by Donald Moore, performed by the Prairie Choir, accompanied by Carl Wacker, Nancy Wunderlin, and Heidi Hughes.

Story for All Ages: And So They Build by Bert Kitchen.

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.

Centering Words: Kathy Converse

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "Building Our Future" by Prairie Members

Offering and Offertory: "Sonata No. 8 Adagio Cantabile" by Beethoven, performed by Amber

Closing Music: SLT #308 "The Blessings of the Earth and Sky" accompanied by Amber

Building Blessing: Rev. Matt Aspin

Join us after the service for our open house and Fall Fair!

11:00am: Live Auction

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

1:30: Raffle

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.

Mission-Vision Discussions Would you like to have input into the future direction of Prairie UU Society? Under the Board's direction, Rev. Matt will be holding discussions on Prairie's mission. The goal is for our community to engage in dialogue to re-affirm our shared understandings of Prairie's purposes, challenge our assumptions, and prioritize our collective actions going forward. Once feedback has been gathered from the community, a small Task Force will be convened early next year to help prepare a motion at the Spring parish meeting to either maintain the current Mission and Vision for the time being, or to vote upon suggested updates.

There are meetings on Zoom and in person. Please see Prairie's calendar for meeting dates. RSVP to Rev. Matt if you're interested.

Bylaws Discussion The temporary Bylaws Committee has finished their draft proposal for Bylaws changes, and the Board is reviewing their recommendations. The next step will be to bring the draft to the congregation for comment and additional tweaking if needed. Be aware that changes can't be made once the final proposal is published, in order for members to decide how to vote based on the wording they will actually be voting on. Please consider attending one of these two meetings to discuss the proposal and suggest any modifications that you think are needed.

Sunday 10/9/22 after service, IN PERSON, Meeting Hall
Wednesday 10/12/22 at 7 pm ON ZOOM,

Prairie Board Officers and Staff

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Calendar

Find the full Prairie calendar [on our website](#).

Sunday, September 25, 2022

10:00 Building Dedication Service

11:30 Fall Fair

Saturday, October 1, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, October 2, 2022

10:00 Service: Animal Dedication

Thursday, October 6, 2022

1:00 Mission/Vision Discussion (Zoom)

Sunday, October 9, 2022

10:00 Service: "Flashbacks" by Gene Kain

11:30 Mission/Vision Discussion (Annex)

11:30 Bylaws Discussion (Meeting Hall)

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

1:00 Mission-Vision Discussion (at Prairie)

7:00 Bylaws Discussion (Zoom)

Saturday, October 15, 2022

10:30 Mission-Vision Discussion (Zoom)

1:00 Mission-Vision Discussion (at Prairie)

Sunday, October 16, 2022

10:00 Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

7:00 Mission-Vision Discussion (Zoom)

Saturday, October 22, 2022

10:00 Creativity and Connection

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.