



"The FUUTURE of our Faith" by Rev. Matt Aspin

Monthly theme: *Change*

UU Principle: *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large*

Order Of Service - November 27th 2022

Prelude: *Walzer* by C. Schumann, performed by Amber

Welcome and Announcements: Sonya Sidky

Chalice Lighting: *In Honor of First Steps* by Rev. Scott Tayler

We light this chalice in honor of first steps.
For beginning even when the path ahead is unclear.
For the courage it takes to trust that the way will reveal itself, that light will come to clarify our vision, that friends will be by our side.
May the words, song, stillness and common breath of this hour, remind us that every step of the way is never one we take alone.

Opening Music: #1010 SLJ *We Give Thanks*, accompanied by Carl Wacker. The Prairie Choir will sing once through and then everyone joins in.

Story For All Ages: *We Are Better Together* By Bill McKibben

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: *The FUUTURE of our Faith* by Rev. Matt Aspin

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: *You're the Last One* by Jarvis, performed by Amber

Closing Words: *Only Begun* By William G Sinkford

Spirit of Life and Love, dear God of all nations:
There is so much work to do.
We have only begun to imagine justice and mercy.
Help us hold fast to our vision of what can be.
May we see the hope in our history,
and find the courage and the voice
to work for that constant rebirth
of freedom and justice.
That is our dream.
Amen.

Closing Music: #1054 SLJ *Let This Be a House of Peace*, accompanied by Amber

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

Announcements

For the fourth quarter of 2022, Prairie will share its offertory collection with Porchlight's DIGS program, which provides eviction-prevention counseling and financial assistance to households facing eviction. In 2021, DIGS counseled 1,007 households and gave financial assistance to 660 households in danger of eviction; 85% of those who received DIGS' assistance remained in housing six months later. The program is running low on funds, and Prairie's Social Action Committee thought it would be an appropriate sharer of our offering.

Soup Sunday December 4th - Our next Soup Sunday is after the service on December 4th. The kids will be hungry after a morning of crafting at Nifty Gifty! Please start thinking about what you'd like to bring to share. A signup link will be sent to Prairie News. Suggested donation \$5 for adults.

Mark your calendars! Old Befana returns to Prairie on Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m.! Ken Lonquist and his troop will perform this All Ages retelling of the folk tale, Old Befana. From Ken's website: "Based on an ancient Yule tale, Old Befana is a recipe for enchantment ~ its warmth and magic stirs audiences of all ages, putting an illuminating spin on a familiar night of miracles, it's three Kings, a bright shining star, and a very special child."

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It's almost time for Nifty Gifty, the Prairie tradition where kids spend a morning crafting a bunch of gifts for their loved ones. If you have any of the following items, will you please bring them to Prairie?

- Old jeans (clean, please)
- Dairy lids (such as the type that snaps onto tubs of yogurt or cottage cheese)
- Cereal boxes or other boxes of similar cardboard (cracker boxes, etc)
- Scraps of colorful fabric
- Clear plastic clamshell containers that have number 6 in their recycle triangle (other types of plastic won't work as well)
- Shrinky-Dink sheets (don't buy them but if you happen to have unused ones we'll be happy to use them)
- Unspun wool roving (probably not many have this, but it's worth asking, right?)
- Wrapping paper

There will be a box at Prairie this Sunday to receive donations.

If you'd like to help out in person on December 4, please let Karen Deaton know! Nifty Gifty is a lot of fun.