

Widening the Circle of Concern, Part 2

Monthly Theme: *Wonder*

UU Principle: *Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations*

Order Of Service - December 4th 2022

Prelude: "December In The Snow" by Harrington, performed by Amber

Welcome and Announcements: Rebecca Strome

Chalice Lighting: by Father Gregory Boyle, from *Shoulder to Shoulder: The Power of Radical Kinship*, read by Katrina Daly Thompson

"The call to the margins, led by those we find there, is exhilarating and life-giving and renews our nobility and purpose."

Opening Music: #323 SLT "Break Not the Circle", accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *The Circles All Around Us* by Brad Montague, read by Pageen Small

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.

Meditation: led by Katrina Daly Thompson

"Mindfulness practices help us to deconstruct the racialized identities we have constructed, and the racism that these identities were created to uphold."
(Rhonda Magee, from *The Inner Work of Racial Justice*)

Presentation & Small-Group Activity led by Mary Mullen

Guided Discussion led by Pageen Small

Offering and Offertory: "Cantique de Jean Racine/O Come All Ye Faithful" by Wade and Faure, arr. Fettke, performed by Amber

Closing Words: by Ruth King, from *Mindfulness of Race*, read by Katrina Daly Thompson

"It is important to understand that culture change is not the same as diversity or racial awareness training programs. Training is a strategy that supports culture change, but it cannot be the only intervention. To address culture change inside institutions, white leaders must understand that often the culture of whiteness is being examined and asked to change—that is, to align in ways that support the espoused institutional values of inclusion and equity. This usually sounds fine until people are impacted, feel exposed, or are inconvenienced by the time required and assessments necessary to understand how the current culture habitually functions."

Closing Music: #318 SLT "We Would Be One", accompanied by Amber

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



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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 today! Ready for a warm meal on a cold day? Please join us for lunch and conversation after the service today. Soup Sunday is a fundraiser for Prairie with a suggested donation of \$5 for adults. Visitors, newcomers, and kids eat free. We'll need a few volunteers to help move chairs and set up tables right after the service. Thank you!

Virtual Trivia on Tuesday December 6th 7pm
Both Prairie and non-Prairie folk bring trivia questions and play together about once a month. Contact Renee if you'd like to be added to the Trivia email list.

Meditation Group at the Meeting House on Friday December 9th at 7:15pm led by practitioners from Madison Insight Meditation. Zoom option also available. If you have questions, please contact Katrina Thompson.

Upcoming Services

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."

Symbol Tree December 18th

In this all ages service, attendees can bring a physical item that represents an important milestone from the past year, talk about it and hang it on our tree.

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