



PrairieUU

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

"Symbol Tree" by Prairie

Monthly theme: *Wonder*

UU Principle: (1st) *The inherent worth and dignity of every person*

Order Of Service - December 18th, 2022

Welcome and Announcements: Johanna Hatch

Opening Music: "Silent Night", Dan Proud sings the first verse for us in Welsh. Please hum along with Dan and continue as our young people enter

Candlelight Procession of our Young People
Led this year by Liam Creed

Chalice Lighting: "Warmth in Winter" by Ben Soule

Now has come hard winter,
with whip of wind and slash of snow
and the diamond-bright stars in the black ice of
the heavens.

Just as we resist the season with shovel and
scraper, wool and windbreaker,
we embrace it with sled and snowboard, cocoa
and comforter.

Winter is here. Let us find warmth in this time of
being together.

Story For All Ages: [Imani's Gift At Kwanzaa](#) by
Denise Burden-Patmon, illustrated by Floyd
Cooper, read by Alice Mandt

Children sit with their families after the story

Special Music: "Carol of the Bells" by M.
Leontovich, arr. by Peter J. Wilhousky, performed
by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park,
accompanied by Carl Wacker

Silent Meditation

Presentation: *Symbol Tree* by Prairie

Offering and Offertory: "Sussex Carol/Waltz of
the Flowers" by Tchaikovsky, arr. by Fettke,
performed by Amber

Closing Words: by David Breeden
In this holiday season
May we find peace inside ourselves;
May we **be** peace for those around us,
And may we renew our commitment
To bring peace with justice
To our community and the world.
May we be peace.

Closing Music: "O Symbol Tree", accompanied by
Amber. Lyrics shown on the back of the order of
service

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

Past leaders of candlelight procession (most
recent first):
Harlan Small, Luna Small, Aaron Liu, Gavin
Richards, Amber Gordon, Cecylia Richards, Jesse
Cooper-Whitehead, Rachel Hughes, Caitlyn
Nicholson, Cheyenne Hale, Katherine Liu, Jessie
Garst, Tatum Mueller, Xena Anderson, Valerie
Anderson, Marie Nahlik, Toby Wacker, Madeline
Arnold, Erika Skog, Lushana Peterson, Judy
Wacker, Katrina Schroeder

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.

Cozy Winter Brunch, Sunday December 25th - Let's do brunch! Instead of our usual Sunday service, we'll share a potluck brunch together. Brunch will be followed by a holiday sing along led by Dan Proud. Instruments encouraged! Brunch meal is free for all attending. Look for the signup link sent to Prairie News or let Nancy Wunderlin know what you'd like to bring to share.

Luna's Grocery in the Allied neighborhood is accepting donations of toys and books for kids that Luna's will handout. Items should be new (or nearly so), gift wrapped and have a note with a description of the item including the appropriate age range. You may deliver items in person or mail to Luna's at 2110 Red arrow Trail now through Dec 23. Hours of operation are 9am-9pm daily.

**Lyrics for "O, Symbol Tree"
(sung to the tune of "O, Christmas Tree")**

O Symbol Tree, O Symbol Tree,
You stand for our community.
O Symbol Tree, O Symbol Tree,
You stand for our community.
We gather round, both you and me.
We hang our symbols on the tree.
O Symbol Tree, O Symbol Tree,
You stand for our community.

Lyrics continued

O Symbol Tree, O Symbol Tree,
From sermons now we wriggle free
O Symbol Tree, O Symbol Tree,
From sermons now we wriggle free
Each year we come and take our turn,
About each other's lives we learn.

O Symbol Tree, O Symbol Tree,
From sermons now we wriggle free

O Symbol Tree, O Symbol Tree,
We insist on your secularity.

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The tree is pagan in origin
Then Christian - now, Unitarian.

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