



"Listening to Marginalized Voices" by Prairie's Interweave Members

Monthly theme: Love

UU Principle: 2nd - Justice, equity and compassion in human relations

Order Of Service - February 19th 2023

Prelude: #360 SLT "Here We Have Gathered"
accompanied by Karlos Moser

Welcome and Announcements: Pageen Small
(she/her)

Chalice Lighting: "Why We're Here" by Erik Walker
Wikstrom, read by Lynn Currie

Here, today, in this place and with these people,
May we listen so that we can hear;
May we hear so that we can feel;
May we feel so that we can know; and
May we know so that we can change ourselves and
this world.
May this chalice we light,
Light our Way.

Opening Music: #84 SLT "How Far Can Reach a
Smile" accompanied by Karlos

Story For All Ages: *Hey, Little Ant* by Phillip Hoose
and Hannah Hoose, illustrated by Debbie Tilley,
read by our Director of Religious Exploration,
Alice Mandt (she/her)

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: "Listening to Marginalized Voices"
by Members of Prairie's Interweave group

Discussion, introduced by Pagen Small

Offering and Offertory: "Moonlight on the
Terrace" from Capriccio by Richard Strauss,
performed by John Wunderlin and Karlos Moser

Closing Words: read by Jesse Garst
"Empathy is a respectful understanding of what
others are experiencing. Instead of offering
empathy, we often have a strong urge to give
advice or reassurance and to explain or own
position or feeling. Empathy, however, calls upon
us to empty our mind and listen to others with our
whole being." – Marshall B. Rosenberg

Closing Music: #323 SLT "Break Not the Circle"
accompanied by Karlos

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



Announcements

For the first quarter of 2023, Prairie will share its offertory collection with JustDane, which runs Healing House, a place where homeless families can stay while a family member recovers from surgery. JustDane also helps people returning to the community from prison with problems like finding housing, a difficult task for anyone with a record. And this is only part of what JustDane does. Thank you for supporting the important work of this agency!

Interweave Meeting Today

Interweave, Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ and questioning folks, as well as allies, will meet today, in this room, after the service. All are welcome.

Prairie Leadership Forum Today

After today's service and the Interweave gathering, there is a Prairie Leadership Forum starting at 1:00 p.m. This meeting is specifically designed for Committee Chairs (or an assigned representative), Board Members, and Committee on Ministry members. Interested members and visitors are also welcome to attend and listen in.

Prairie Spring Auction - March 19th, 10:00 a.m.

The annual Prairie Spring Auction takes place in late winter/spring each year and is one of Prairie's major fundraisers. Members and friends offer food, events, services, and other activities and items to each other for a price, and the proceeds go to Prairie. The Spring Auction is a fun way to share experiences and raise money for Prairie. It's also an amazing time to learn about the many hidden talents among Prairie's members, families, and youth. Watch for the link on Prairie News to submit your items.

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Service: Sunday, February 26, 10:00 a.m.

"Tough Love" by Rev. Matt Aspin

Loving puppies, loving chocolate, and loving sunsets is easy. But loving our ancestors, loving our enemies, loving ourselves...some important love takes a little more work.

Service: Sunday, March 5, 10:00 a.m.

"Perfectly Imperfect" by Rev. Matt Aspin

We live in a society that worships perfection, but a church built around the altar of perfection creates nothing more than a big, empty house.

In remembrance of Evelyn May Kain we will hold a memorial service in her honor on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at Prairie's Meeting House. Please join us in person or on Zoom as we celebrate the life of this extraordinary person. There will be food served afterwards.

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