



"Moving On" by Rev. Matt Aspin

6th UU Principle: The Goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

Order Of Service - July 2nd 2023

Prelude: "Moonmen" by Carubia, performed by Amber

Welcome: Kathy Converse

Chalice Lighting: "For the Freedom of Faith" by Heather K Janules

Our prophets died for the freedom of faith;
We are here in their spirit.
We are here to practice and sustain our living tradition;
To light a chalice,
Claiming for justice
The heat and power of fire.
In our free faith,
We are here,
Seeking freedom from despair,
The freedom to be loved as ourselves,
And the freedom to grow beyond imagination.
We are here,
Gathered in the name of all that we find holy.
Let us give thanks for the gift of gathering here.
Amen.

Opening Music: #145 SLT "As Tranquil Streams" accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *Whatever Comes Tomorrow* by Rebecca Gardyn Levington, Illustrated by Mariona Cabassa. Read by our Director of Religious Exploration, Alice Mandt

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: "Moving On" by Rev. Matt Aspin

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: "True Blues" by Harrington, performed by Amber

Closing Words: "An ending, or merely prelude to more glorious beginnings?" by Michael A Schuler

We have reached the end of this time
For the gathering of memory
And for letting the imagination play with future possibilities.
We have enjoyed magic moments and edified each other.
Shall it be concluded, then?
Or will this adventure, now commenced, continue?—
Our separate paths converging, meeting, merging
In the unending quest for love more perfect,
The joyous struggle for meaning more sufficient and life more abundant.
Is this ending to be an ending,
Or merely prelude to new, more glorious beginnings?
I pose the question;
In your hearts lies the answer.

Closing Music: #131 SLT "Love Will Guide Us" accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



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3rd Quarter Offertory Sharing: Heart Room

For the third quarter of 2023, Prairie is sharing its offertory collection with Heart Room, a collaboration between families that have been homeless, Orchard Ridge UCC, and The Road Home. The money we contribute will be used for rental assistance for the families, who are working to achieve stability with the help of many partners. Heart Room gave a presentation at Prairie in March.

Appreciation Reception - Today

This is Rev. Matt's last presentation at Prairie. Please join us after the service for a reception. Come enjoy dessert and a chance to say goodbye to our minister. We'll have a basket in the lobby to collect cards and letters. Please note the reception is in lieu of our regular Soup Sunday this month.

Visitor Orientation - Next Sunday

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Want to meet a few more people? Then, come to the Visitor Orientation next Sunday after service. We'll meet in the foyer by the Welcoming Table.

PUUPs Group Meeting - Next Sunday

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Parents (PUUPs) Group is meeting next Sunday after the service. The whole group (children, parents/caregivers, and childcare volunteers) will start out the afternoon together for lunch. Cheese pizza will be provided and everyone is encouraged to bring a salad/side or dessert to share. After lunch the parents and caregivers will continue conversation and fellowship while the children and childcare volunteers enjoy activities in the RE space.

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Service: Sunday, July 9, 10:00 am "Flower Ceremony 100th Anniversary" by Prairie

The Flower Festival (aka Flower Ceremony or Flower Communion), is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow. In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The congregation blesses the flowers and they're redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought.

Service: Sunday, July 16, 10:00 am "The Last Freie Gemeinde: The Free Congregation of Sauk County" by Nick Schweitzer

Scores of Freie Gemeinde (Freethought Societies) were established by German immigrants to the U.S. starting around the middle of the 19th century. The Free Congregation of Sauk County (FCSC) appears to be the last one remaining. Nick Schweitzer will present its past history, its present situation, and some prospects for its future.

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.