

Mini Service and Parish Meeting

Order Of Service - November 19th 2023

UU Principle: 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large

Prelude: "The Road Not Taken" music by Randall Thompson, words by Robert Frost. Performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

Welcome: Kathy Converse

Chalice Lighting by Erik Walker Wikstrom

As we approach our agenda
let us remember that we are doing the work of the congregation.
When we do the work of this congregation, we touch lives.
When we touch lives, we change the world.
May this chalice flame we now kindle remind us throughout our meeting of our ministry and our mission.

Sharing Gratitude for Our Community

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.

Announcements

Parish Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Vote to approve May 2023 Parish meeting minutes
3. Finance Committee 2024 Budget approval and vote
4. Transition Team / Board Update
5. Religious Exploration Update
6. Nominating Committee Update
7. Any Committee Discussion / Accept Committee Reports
8. Closing Words adapted from words by Andrea Hawkins-Kamper

May we see all as it is, and may it all be as we see it.

May we be the ones to make it as it should be,
For if not us, who?

If not now, when?

This is answering the cry of justice with the work of peace,

This is redeeming the pain of history with the grace of wisdom,

This is the work we are called to do, and this is the call we answer now:

To be the barrier and the bridge,

To be the living embodiment of our Principles,

To be about the work of building a caring Community,

To be a people of intention and a people of conscience.

9. Adjourn

Greet Your Neighbor

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Catalyst Project
Stability and Voice For Families

4th Quarter Offertory

Sharing: The Catalyst Project, a mutually supportive community for up to 3 single moms and their children who have experienced homelessness.

Participants have access to collaborative problem solving, trauma informed mentoring, and therapeutic intervention. The project's founding principle is that the wisdom of those mistreated by our society is essential to creating a society that serves all its people.

Adult Exploration Program

What: Advance Care Planning, Led by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski;

Guest Resource Expert: Dan Zimmerman, Contract Administrator (emeritus/retired) at WI Department of Health Services.

When: Wed, Nov 29, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Prairie Meeting Room

Why: Advance care planning is more than filling out an Advance Directive document. It's about a conversation that helps equip your agent to make decisions for you if you're in a position where you can't speak for yourself.

Discussing whether or when to be resuscitated (CPR); if or when you would want to be ventilated; tube feeding withholding/withdrawal; stating your wishes regarding what persons, music and lighting you would want to be surrounded by when approaching death are conversation topics when completing an Advance Directive.

If you do not have a Power of Attorney for Health Care (Advance Directive) or need to update one this program is for you.

For more information call Rev. Ralph, 608-873-6041, or cell: 608-719-8334

Register: Please contact our admin, Nancy, at admin@uuprairie.org or 608-271-8218 to register

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Interweave Meeting Today

Interweave, Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ and questioning folks, as well as allies, will meet today at noon in the main meeting room. All are welcome.

Joint Service at James Reeb: Sunday, Nov 26th

We are having a joint service held at James Reeb UU Congregation on 2146 E Johnson St, Madison, WI 53704 with a potluck to follow the service. There will not be a service at Prairie on Nov 26. There will be an option to join virtually. They will have a time for all ages and an activity table for children during the service.

Service description: "Gratitude, Generosity...and Unlearning Colonization" by Rev. Karen Armina

Thanksgiving weekend is complicated. This morning, we'll explore how we might acknowledge the mourning of our indigenous siblings and challenge the myths that have been created and perpetuated by the colonizers of this land, while still practicing the generosity that's come to be associated with this season.

Service: Sunday, Dec 3rd "Humanism: In Command or in Crisis" by Michael Schuler

Dr. Schuler's presentation will be based on his recently published book by the same name. Elements of the discourse will include a description of "doctrinal" humanism as he understands it together with a review of the thought of its most notable proponents. Humanism's contemporary critics include poets, well-known novelists, life scientists and historians, as well as religious figures and public intellectuals. Many of these feel that humanism as an ideology has outlived its usefulness. Which side makes the stronger case?

Potluck Sunday - Sunday, Dec 3rd

Join us after the service on December 3rd for a potluck meal. We're simplifying Soup Sunday to an all-potluck meal. We'll still be holding them on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please bring a dish to share. We'll need volunteers to set up and clean up. All are welcome!