



"Toast, Boast, and Oath" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

Value: Transformation

Order Of Service - Dec 29, 2024

Prelude: "What are you doing New Year's Eve?" by Loesser, performed by Amber

Welcome: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting

Leader: We light this chalice on the brink of a new year

All: *Letting go of what has been,*

Leader: Open and hopeful for what may come,

All: *Renewed, restored, and ready,*

Leader: To live Life fully anew,

All: *May we move forward with purpose and good intentions,*

All: *In this season of joys and sorrows, may we know that the light and warmth of community shines for all of us.*

Opening Music: #58 SLT "Ring Out Wild Bells" accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *Whistle for Willie*, written and illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats

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: "Toast, Boast, and Oath" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Offering and Offertory: "Snowfall" by Thornhill, performed by Amber

Closing Words by Richard S. Gilbert

As we leave this community of the spirit,
may we remember the difficult lesson
that each day offers more things than we can do
May we do what needs to be done,
postpone what does not,
and be at peace with what we can be and do
Therefore/ may we learn to separate
that which matters most
from that which matters least of all.

Closing Music: #235 SLT "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly" accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

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Prairie's 4th Quarter Offertory Sharing

We'll share our offerings this quarter with the Tenant Resource Center, which provides mediation between landlords and tenants, support for homeless people seeking housing.

UUSC Offering

Last Sunday, we collected a special offering for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). We collected \$600! Thank you for your generosity! UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY is matching donations dollar-for-dollar through the end of the year so our donation will be doubled.

The UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world. It partners with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizes to challenge oppressive policies.

Prairie WOW - Saturday, January 4, 10am

Prairie's women's group, also known as WOW, will meet at 10am in the meeting house. The group is open to all women connected with Prairie in some way. We will share a breakfast potluck, coffee, and conversation. Please bring a dish to pass.

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.

Next Sunday "Elizabeth Cady Stanton: The Woman's Bible" by Robin Proud

Those who know of Elizabeth Cady Stanton identify her as a women's suffrage leader. But she was also a religious Freethinker who published clear-eyed, detailed commentaries on both the Old and New Testaments. Robin Proud will speak on Stanton's life and this controversial work. We'll welcome our Pastoral Minister, Mary Sue Reutebuch, during the service. Potluck to follow the service.

Next Sunday in RE: Cook & Learn: the Buddhist holiday Bodhi Day

Next Sunday: Potluck Sunday

Join us after the service next Sunday for a potluck meal and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. We'll need volunteers to help set up and clean up. All are welcome.

Please note the **main dessert will be provided** for this potluck. Please consider contributing dairy-free or gluten-free dessert options to ensure everyone can enjoy. Thank you!

