

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Ever Changing Answers to Ever Changing Questions,” by Rev. Scott Gerard Prinster.

August 16, 2015



Today's Order of Service

“Evolution substituted a naturalistic explanation of cold comfort for our former conviction that a benevolent deity fashioned us directly in his own image, to have dominion over the entire earth and all other creatures.”

– Stephen Jay Gould

Prelude: Performed by Amber Bruns and John Wunderlin.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words

***Hymn #350:** “The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time,” accompanied by Amber Bruns.

Chalice Lighting:

In the beginning, there was light:
a primal spark from which all being was born.

We recognize this flicker that has glowed in all creation,
shaped new environments and birthed new forms.

We celebrate this fire burning in us too,
seeking its glow in others that we may join our lights
in community, in learning, and in justice.

In the beginning, there was light,
and it shines in all creation through time.

Story for All Ages

Singing the Children Out: “Farewell Good Friends”

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Hymn #90: “From All the Fret and Fever of the Day”

Reading: From Stephen Jay Gould in *Evolution: The Triumph of an Idea* by Carl Zimmer.

Reflections: “Ever Changing Answers to Ever Changing Questions,” by Rev. Scott Gerard Prinster.

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Hymn #108: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

*please stand as you are able.

**please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

Today's tech assistant is Andy Garst.

Announcements

Green Note: Slip a dollar bill between the rubber gasket and the frame of your refrigerator and freezer. Close the door, and tug on the money. Try this on all four sides. Notice any resistance? If you can't, it means the seal on your fridge isn't tight enough, causing cold air to leak out. Consider replacing the seal.

The Prairie Book Club will meet to discuss *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak on today after the service in the Meeting House.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week is Sunday August 23 to Sunday August 30 One of Prairie's social action commitments is being a buddy church for Midvale Lutheran as they house homeless families as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which is part of The Road Home. Please consider volunteering to serve dinner or various other jobs to help Prairie honor its commitment to this wonderful organization. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285) or you can go to this website to find info on the volunteer jobs and a link to the sign-up grid: <http://midvalelutheran.org/share/our-community/road-home>

The Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, August 25, at 1:30pm in the Annex. This month's topic of discussion will be the future of Prairie Elders. Bring a snack to pass if convenient. Coffee and tea provided.

The Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held on Monday, August 17, at the home of Bill Schaefer, 1029 Spaight St. Apt. B6. A grill will be available! Bring a dish to pass if you can. If not, come anyway! Call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information.

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.

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Prairie Calendar

Monday, August 17, 2015

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

Sunday, August 23, 2015

10:00 Service – “Coming Out,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meet in the Annex

Sunday, August 30, 2015

10:00 Service – “Justified Anger,” by Kaleem Caire.

Friday, September 4, 2015

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, September 5, 2015

9:00 Prairie WOW meets at Prairie

Sunday, September 6, 2015

10:00 Service

11:45 Humanist Union

5:30 Men's Group

Sunday, September 13, 2015

10:00 Service

11:45 Prairie's Board meets in the Annex

Sunday, September 20, 2015

10:00 Service

Sunday, September 27, 2015

10:00 Service

Friday, October 2, 2015

6:00 Board Game Night

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Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Next week's service:

“Coming Out,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

