

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## “A Mathematician’s Take on Gerrymandering” by Jordan Ellenberg

July 29, 2018



### Order of Service

**Prelude:** Performed by Julia Weiser.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Robin Proud

#### **Opening Words:**

“I think that this is a conflict of interest, to ask men elected from districts to change the lines of that district.”

– President Ronald Reagan

**\*Opening Hymn #345 (SLT):** “With Joy We Claim the Growing Light,” accompanist Julia Weiser.

#### **Chalice Lighting:**

This light we kindle is set in the lamp of our history.  
We inherit this free faith from brave and gentle,  
fierce and outspoken hearts and minds that have come before us.  
Let us be worthy inheritors of this faith and through our good  
works, pass it boldly to the next generation.  
– Audette Fulbright Fulson

**Story for All Ages:** The Greedy Python, by Richard Buckley.

**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.*

#### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** “A Mathematician’s Take on Gerrymandering,” by Jordan Ellenberg.

#### **Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Performed by Julia Weiser.

#### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**\*Closing Hymn (Back Cover SLT):** “Bond of Union Song”

**Closing Words #657 (SLT):** “It Matters What We Believe”

#### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

*Thank you to Andy Garst, today’s tech assistant.*

### Announcements

**We will share our** offering for the third quarter of 2018 with the Allied Neighborhood Wellness Center, a health center in the Allied Neighborhood. The center offers financial assistance with prescription co-pays and bus passes and gas vouchers for doctor appointments, job interviews, and emergencies. They have a personal essentials pantry. There have been support groups for those recovering from alcohol and drug dependencies. The center has no regular source of income for, or means of obtaining, passes and gas vouchers that are very needed. Prairie is a long time member of Allied Partners, which is a consortium of churches that support the neighborhood as a whole.

**Benefit Allied Neighborhood:** Beautiful photographic note cards created by Diane Stevens are for sale in a basket in lobby. All proceeds go to Allied Partners for eviction prevention and special projects.

**The Humanist Union** will meet after the service in the Annex. A potluck lunch begins at 11:45, with the program beginning at 12:30. This month Jordan Ellenberg will hold an informal Q&A session as a followup to today’s presentation and on his book *How Not to Be Wrong: The Power of Mathematical Thinking*.

**The Social Action Committee** is collaborating with the Tenant Resource Center to collect items for newly homed singles and couples. Items needed are consumables like paper towels and cleaning supplies, along with items like sheets, blankets, and bath towels (can be used but clean!). Donation baskets are in the foyer. Additional ideas of items to donate are attached to the baskets. Thank you for your donations!

#### **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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## Calendar

### **Sunday, July 29, 2018**

10:00 Service: "A Mathematician's Take on  
Gerrymandering," by Jordan Ellenberg  
11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

### **Thursday, August 2, 2018**

7:00 Program Committee in Annex

### **Friday, August 3, 2018**

6:00 Board Game Night

### **Saturday, August 4, 2018**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal  
9:00 PrairieWOW in Annex

### **Sunday, August 5, 2018**

10:00 Service: "A Photographic Study of State  
Street's Homeless," by Mark Golbach.

### **Sunday, August 12, 2018**

10:00 Service  
11:45 Board in Annex

### **Sunday, August 19, 2018**

10:00 Service

### **Sunday, August 26, 2018**

10:00 Service

### **Saturday, September 1, 2018**

9:00 PrairieWOW in Annex

### **Sunday, September 2, 2018**

10:00 Service: Water Ceremony  
11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

### **Friday, September 7, 2018**

6:00 Prairie Board Game Night

### **Saturday, September 8, 2018**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal

### **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

10:00 Service

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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:**

"State Street Through the Camera Lens"  
by Mark Gobach

