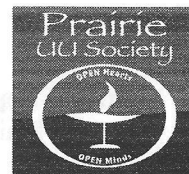


“Other Than What?”
by Rev. Sandra Ingham

August 26, 2018



Order of Service

“The human race exaggerates everything: its heroes, its enemies, its importance.” – Charles Bukowski

“To despair of the entire situation is another reasonable alternative. But the unsatisfactory thing about despair... is that besides being fruitless it's far less exciting than hope, however slim.” – David Quammen

Prelude: “The Garden Song,” performed by Barbara Park, Dan Proud, Mary Mullen, and Patty Stockdale.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words: by Barbara J. Pescan.

***Opening Hymn #42 (SLT):** “Morning, So Fair to See”
accompanist Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting: by Andrew M. Hill.

Story for All Ages: Thank You, Earth – A Love Letter to Our Planet, by April Pulley Sayre.

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

***Hymn #175:** “We Celebrate the Web of Life”

Reading: “Summer's End,” by Rev. David S. Blanchard

Reflections: “Other Than What?” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

Responsive Reading #648: “Beginners,” by Denise Levertov.

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory: “Blue Boat Home”

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #91:** “Mother of All”

Closing Words: by Rev. Adam Robersmith

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.
Thank you to Al Nettleton, 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.

The Social Action Committee continues Prairie's collaboration with the Tenant Resource Center to collect items for formerly homeless individuals and couples. We've donated four baskets so far! Donation baskets and a list of items to donate are in the foyer. Please add to that list more laundry baskets for donations! Thank you for your generosity, and keep those donations coming!

Prairie's annual water ceremony is next Sunday. The Program Committee hopes that you will, as usual, bring your stories and memories about your summer trips or stay-at-home adventures, but... Please do not bring water from your travels or even your homes; we will provide water for this year's celebration.

The start of another year of RE (1st day of RE is September 9th!) is just around the corner. Join us on **Saturday, September 8th** at Wingra Park for picnicking, boating, and general frivolity. Flexible time - feel free to drop in between 11-2! An RSVP is always helpful and if you can bring a dish to pass, we'll eat it!

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

Saturday, September 1, 2018

9:00 PrairieWOW in Annex

Sunday, September 2, 2018

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

Thursday, September 6, 2018

7:00 Program Committee in Annex

Friday, September 7, 2018

6:00 Board Game Night in Meeting House

Saturday, September 8, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal
11:00 Fall Frolic at Wingra Park

Sunday, September 9, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
10:15 RE Begins
11:45 Board in Annex

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Parish Meeting

Sunday, September 30, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
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:

Water Ceremony

