

## Ingathering

September 8, 2019

### Order of Service

**Prelude:** Performed by Mary Frantz.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Karen Deaton

**Opening Words:** “A New Year for Beloved Community,” by Debra Haffner.

**Opening Hymn:** “Down by the Bay”

**Chalice Lighting:** “Thirsty,” by Gregory Pelley.

And so we gather, from the ebb and flow of our lives  
Thirsty for connection to ourselves  
Thirsty for connection to others  
Thirsty for connection to the larger life.  
As we light this chalice  
May all who gather here be filled:  
Filled with joy and hope  
Filled with compassion and love  
Here, may we be filled  
So that we may pour ourselves out  
into the world.

**Story for All Ages:** “Are You Ready to Play Outside?” by Mo Willems.

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** Ingathering

**Offering and Offertory**

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**\*Closing Hymn #1064 (STJ):** “Blue Boat Home” Mary Frantz, accompanist

**Closing Words:** “All Water is One Water,” by Mel Hoover and Rose Edington.

“Water unites us. All water is one water, shape-shifting as it goes on and on in its unending cycle. The stream we gather by unites us with all the waters of the world, for all of life depends on water.

That's why this common, everyday element on which our very lives depend is sacred.”

**Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Announcements

**We will share our offering** for the third quarter with the Allied Wellness Center. The Center focuses on health promotion, direct assistance in obtaining medications, bus fare and gas cards to help people get to medical appointments and to jobs. The Center has one half time staff person, a Community Health Liaison/Chaplain whose position is funded by a city grant. The Center depends on donations from churches that make up the Allied Partners and grants to fund its activities. Prairie has been a long time member of Allied Partners.

**The Prairie Book Club** will meet in the Annex on Sunday, September 22, after the service to discuss After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split in Islam by Lesley Hazleton. All are welcome to attend. You do not need to have read the book.

**The Humanist Union** will meet in the Annex on Sunday, September 29. Robin Proud will talk about the life of Ernestine Rose, suffragist, abolitionist, and freethinker. Ernestine was one of the major intellectual forces in the nineteenth-century women's rights movement in America. Potluck lunch begins at noon, with the program beginning at 12:30.

**After the service, please help us clean up by:**

Returning your hymnal to the cart  
Placing your Order of Service on the cart  
Tidying up the area around your seat.

And please don't forget to bring a spill-proof mug next week if you'd like coffee or tea. Thank you!

**The Fall Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 8. More details to come!

### **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.*

### Calendar

**Sunday services meet at Oak Park Place. All other events and meetings will be in the Annex unless otherwise noted.**

#### **Sunday, September 8, 2019**

10:00 Service

#### **Sunday, September 15, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

11:45 Board in Annex

#### **Friday, September 20, 2019**

6:00 Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive Threads

#### **Sunday, September 22, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

11:45 Book Club: After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split

#### **Thursday, September 26**

7:00 Program Committee

#### **Sunday, September 29, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

12:00 Humanist Union

#### **Saturday, September 5, 2019**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal

9:00 PrairieWOW

#### **Sunday, October 6, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

11:45 Open Discussion on Ministry at Prairie

#### **Sunday, October 13, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service

11:45 Board

### Prairie Staff and Board Members

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### Upcoming Services

#### **Sunday, September 15, 2019**

Service: "Fact or Fake: News in the Digital Era Part 1," by Renee Deschard.

Prairie member Renee Deschard, a librarian and educator, will help us learn how to tell the difference between "real" and "fake" news.

#### **Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Service: "Fact or Fake: News in the Digital Era Part 2," by Renee Deschard.

We will continue our discussion of dis-information in the digital era as well as strategies for learning facts and preventing the spread of dis-information.

#### **Sunday, September 29, 2019**

Service: "Toni Morrison's Song of Solomon," by Sandra Adell.

#### **Sunday, October 6, 2019**

Service: "Native Wisconsin Reptiles and Amphibians!" by Madison Herpetological Society.

Did you know reptiles and amphibians live all around us? They can be found in Wisconsin's forests, prairies, wetlands, and even your backyards! Find out more about the species that call Wisconsin home! This all ages service will include seeing some animals up close.

### **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.