

**Native Wisconsin Reptiles and
Amphibians!**
by Eric Roscoe

October 6, 2019

Order of Service

Prelude: "Autumn," by Edward MacDowell. Performed by Karlos Moser.

Welcome and Announcements: Jesse Garst

Prairie Testimonial: Patty Stockdale

Opening Words: by George Eliot

"Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms."

***Opening Song:** "5 Green and Speckled Frogs," by Super Simple Songs (online)

Chalice Lighting: "All Animal Chalice," by Mark Causey.

We light this chalice, spark of the original fire of creation, to remind us that we all on this planet—the furred, the feathered, the finned, and the scaled, along with us featherless bipeds—we are all made of the same star-stuff and all share a common destiny. We all share the same hopes of a life free from harm and suffering and the same aspirations of happiness, love, and flourishing—being able to express our own unique natures and capacities as best we may. We are just that many diverse perspectives from which the whole is seen and experienced. We are inextricably intertwined, interconnected and interdependent. And it is good.

Blessed be.

Story for All Ages: Not Norman: A Goldfish Story by Kelly Bennett, illustrated by Noah Z. Jones

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "Native Wisconsin Reptiles and Amphibians!" by Eric Roscoe, Madison Area Herpetological Society

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: "Bird as Prophet," by Robert Schumann

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Song:** "The Tortoise and the Hare," by Cocomelon (online)

Closing Words: by Trisha McCagh

"Animals are the bridge between us and the beauty of all that is natural. They show us what's missing in our lives, and how to love ourselves more completely and unconditionally. They connect us back to who we are, and to the purpose of why we're here."

Greet Your Neighbor

Postlude: "Ragtime Bobolink," by Joseph Lamb

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering for the fourth quarter with "The Street Pulse," a monthly newspaper sold on the streets of Madison by homeless vendors to provide them some income. It was started in 2005 by a group of people concerned about homelessness. Madison Urban Ministries was an early financial supporter. The newspaper publishes stories and poems by homeless individuals as well as the work of local activists. Sellers purchase their papers for 25 cents apiece and sell them for \$1. The paper is always looking for submissions and advertisers!

The Board of Trustees will hold a discussion concerning the role of Prairie's minister after the service today at Oak Park Place. We have had 4 ministers in the last 14 years. What have we learned? What do we want from a minister? How will a minister best work with us to further our mission? Is it time for us to call a minister, or should we continue with contract ministry? We will be voting on how to move forward at our **Fall Parish Meeting on Sunday, December 8.**

A memorial service for Ruth Calden will be held on Friday, October 25, at 5:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Society's Landmark Auditorium.

A memorial service for Mike Briggs will be held on Sunday, October 20, from 3-7 pm at First Unitarian Society.

A memorial open house for Rosemarie Lester will be held on Sunday, October 27, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Annex.

Please take a moment to pick up around your seat.

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, October 6, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Discussion on Ministry at Oak Park Place

Sunday, October 13, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Board

Friday, October 18, 2019

6:00 ~~Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive Threads~~ *Canceled*

Sunday, October 20, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
3:00 Memorial Service for Mike Briggs

Thursday, October 24, 2019

7:00 Program Committee

Friday, October 25, 2019

5:30 Memorial Service for Ruth Calden

Sunday, October 27, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
3:00 Memorial Open House for Rosemarie Lester

Friday, November 1, 2019

5pm Retreat begins at Bethel Horizons

Saturday, November 2, 2019

8:00 Retreat continues

Sunday, November 3, 2019

10:00 Key Log Ceremony at Bethel Horizons

Sunday, November 10, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service
11:45 Board

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Service: "The Spectrum of Dementia," by Claire Box.

As a person with a diagnosis of dementia and a nurse and caregiver for many on the spectrum, I hope to share my personal journey as well as the issues related to understanding, acceptance, fear and joy for those with dementia and their caregivers. Dane County is rich in resources which we will review.

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Service: TBA

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Service: "We Are Many-United Against Hate," by Masood Akhtar.

We Are Many-United Against Hate was started by Masood Akhtar, a Muslim American businessman from India who was alarmed by a proposal to establish a Muslim registry in the U.S. They provide outreach and intervention in communities to promote understanding, healing, reconciliation and redemption. Instead of simply condemning the latest eruptions of hate-inspired violence, they dig down to the root causes of division, fear and hate.

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Service: Key Log Ceremony at Bethel Horizons

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.