



Order of Service: November 15th 2020

Fall Parish Meeting

Day of Observance: Transgender Day of Remembrance

Note: This service will be recorded

Reader: Chris Porter

Zoom Helpers: Dan K, Karen, Renee

Opening Song: #1031 [*Filled with Loving Kindness*](#)
performed by Jess Huettman

Welcome: Barbara Park

Chalice Lighting: By Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe

On this Transgender Day of Remembrance,
we remember those who have been murdered for being who they are,
those who face violence on a daily basis,
those who have lost loved ones, and those who worry for loved ones.
May we come to a time when we cease to shame children around gender
roles and expression,
where we allow for freedom and exploration of identity and expression,
and to a world that operates from love especially when things are
difficult and confusing.
May all of us who live with the threat of violence find support, strength,
community, hope, and safety from violence.

Silent Meditation

Responsive Reading: *Our Common Life Is Enriched* from
Religious Institute

We are grateful for the gift of our lives and the gift of other people in our
lives.

Each of us is created with dignity and worth.

We are called to love one another and to do nothing to others that we
would find hateful to ourselves.

We honor the many ways that people live and love.

Our common life is enriched when queer, transgender, bisexual, lesbian,
and gay people can come out—sharing the gifts of their sexual
orientation and gender identity.

True justice flourishes when all people can live and flourish.

We suffer when LGBTQ people are oppressed, excluded, or shamed by
religious people who overlook the fundamental call to love one another.

Love does not exclude. We are all worthy.

May we work to build a world where all people are celebrated and loved.

**We celebrate sexual and gender diversity as a blessing that enriches us
all.**

Centering Words: Rachel Long

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recorded for note-taking purposes only)

1. **Call to order**
2. **Review the process for this meeting**
 - please stay muted unless called on
 - unmute yourself (and re-mute)
 - votes done by voice vote unless close, then Rachel will tell people to raise their hands & show their cameras
3. **Approve minutes from Annual (May) Parish Meeting**
4. **Minister search update**
5. **Plans for our RE (Religious Exploration) program**
6. **Finance update**
7. **2021 budget**
8. **Building update and plans for use**
9. **Creation of “Widening the Circle of Concern” implementation team**
10. **Committee updates**
11. **Adjourn**

Closing Words: attributed to the Buddha

“Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn’t learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn’t learn a little, at least we didn’t get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn’t die; so let us all be thankful.”

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.

We are sharing our **Offering** this quarter with the **Allied Wellness Center**. The Wellness Center is a neighborhood Center with the purpose of promoting health and wellness of the mind, body and spirit of people living in the Allied, Belmar and Dunn's Marsh neighborhood

Upcoming Events

Prairie Sing Along (every Sunday) 7pm (note the time change)

We use songsheets displayed on the ZOOM whiteboard and the Rise Up Singing songbook. It's a great opportunity to practice your guitar or ukulele and sing with no judgements... and bring out the folk-rock star that you are. Everyone & all ages are welcomed. Zoom hosts Mary Mullen and Patty Stockdale.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85355334298>

Join by phone: 1(312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 853 5533 4298

Prairie Study Group: Caste Part 2 (2nd & 4th Mondays) 7pm

This study group is part of Prairie's initiative to become a more truly welcoming congregation to those of all ethnic and class backgrounds, genders and sexual orientations as we proclaim at the start of our services.

Please participate if you can. 11/23 - Caste Part 2

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88309002767>

Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 883 0900 2767

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons (beginners group) (every Tuesday) 4:30 pm

Looking for a fun way to get social with friends? Well, this is the group for you! No prior experience necessary - though a camera & microphone will be required for full participation. This group is open to anyone! Ages 9 & up will be most comfortable.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87803393490>

Tuesday Trivia (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month) 7pm

During covid19 in person trivia has moved online! Prairie members and non members are invited to play. Email Renee reneedeschard[at sign]gmail.com to get added to the trivia email list.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89006194902>

Wednesday Fun 6pm

ALL are welcome. Wednesday activities may include read alouds, show & tell, virtual hide & seek, talent shows, pet demonstrations, sing-a-longs, or general tomfoolery. Actually, the tomfoolery is guaranteed. Hope to see you there! Fun usually ends by 6:30.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84638913138>

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons (advanced group) (every Friday) 4:30 pm

Bring your character and immerse yourself in a virtual world of storytelling and decision-making. Camera & microphone will be necessary to interact fully. This group is open to anyone! Ages 9 & up will be most comfortable.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8684777436>

Service: "Guest at Your Table" by UUSC 11/22 10am

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC's) annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. This year during Guest at Your Table, we invite you to witness stories of our partners around the world as they tell you about home.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86387565125>

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