

## “Question Box” by Rev. Matt Aspin

### Order of Service October 10, 2021

**Prelude:** “Glan Medd-dod Mwyn (Good-Humored and Tipsy),” traditional Welsh folk tune, performed by Dan Proud on harp.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Karen Deaton

**Testimonial:** Chris Porter, Finance Committee Chair

**Song:** “Wish It Could Be Said, We’ve Met Our Pledge Goal”

**Chalice Lighting:** “Open to Unexpected Answers” by Julianne Lepp

We seek our place in the world  
and the answers to our hearts’ deep questions.  
As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected  
answers.  
May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a  
community of warmth,  
of wisdom,  
and welcoming of multiple truths.

**Opening Song #100 (SLT):** “I’ve Got Peace Like a River,” guitar.

**Reading:** “Cherish your Doubts” by Robert T Weston

**Story for All Ages:**

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** “Question Box” by Rev. Matt Aspin

**Closing Song #162 (SLT):** “Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield,” guitar

**Closing Words:** By T.S. Elliot

What we call a beginning is often the end  
and to make an end is to make a beginning.  
The end is where we start from.  
We shall not cease to exist from exploration  
and the end of our exploring will be to arrive where we  
started and know the place for the first time.

**Closing Music:** “Y Darlun (The Picture),” harp.

**Joys and Concerns and Welcome Visitors**

*The audio of this service is being recorded for those who are unable to attend today.*

### Announcements

**We are sharing our Offering 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 neighborhoods. Through a philosophy of care and respect, we encourage participation and leadership to build a strong community. The Wellness Center connects people with important health resources and programs. Through a strong sense of community, and by encouraging everyone to make healthy choices, holistic wellness becomes available for all.

**The Study Group Continues in October!** Prairie’s Study Group meets via Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. October’s book selection will be Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. The discussion will be led by Pam Gates. Part 1 of the discussion will be on October 11.

**Service Auction Sunday, November 7!** Have you thought of what you can offer? Please keep covid safety and uncertainty in mind for anything you offer. We expect to have the 2022 auction in March so, for this auction consider items that would be good for the fall and winter months. Please submit items *by October 21* using the form linked on [the front page](#) of Prairie’s website. Contact Chris Porter (finance@uuprairie.org) or Suzanne Gernandt (treasurer@uuprairie.org) with questions.

**Parish Meeting 11:00 a.m. October 23 immediately after service.** The business of the meeting will be to vote on the Nominating Committee’s recommendation for the member of the Committee on Ministry elected by the congregation. *Our Fall Parish Meeting will be on Sunday, November 21.*

### **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

Please note that Sunday Services have returned to Zoom.

**Monday, October 11, 2021**

7:00 Study Group

**Friday, October 15, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, October 17, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

**Friday, October 22, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**

10:00 Creativity and Connection

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Monday, October 25, 2021**

7:00 Study Group

**Friday, October 29, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, October 30, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Friday, October 22, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**

10:00 PrairieWOW

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

10:00 Service Auction

### Prairie Staff and Board Members

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### Upcoming Services

**Sunday, October 17, 2021**

“Evoking Spiritual Experience in Our Lives” by Ilene Haykus.

Our lives are characterized by growth.

Physical, intellectual and emotional growth are easy to observe. But what about the less obvious area of personal development

referenced in our third Unitarian Universalist Principle which promotes "spiritual growth?"

In this morning's homily, Ilene Haykus M.A. will shed some light on the concept of spiritual growth and offer examples from her life and the lives of others. A discussion will follow.

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

Service

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

All Souls Day

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

*Service Auction*

**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

“What Can You Do About Climate Change?” by Ankur Desai

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

*Fall Parish Meeting*

### **Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations**

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in humanrelations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.