

“Long Night Reflections” by Rev. Matt Aspin

Order of Service December 19, 2021

Prelude: “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,” words by Edmund Sears, music by Richard Storrs Willis, performed by Dan Proud, Deesa Pence, Barb Park, and Morris Sadicario

Welcome and Announcements: Karen Deaton

Special Music: “REcruiting Song,” by Paula Pachciarz, performed by Paula and Carl Wacker

Opening Song #1063 (STJ): “Winter Solstice Chant,” words & music by Phillip Palmer, performed by First Unitarian Church of Baltimore (lyrics shown along bottom of video)

Chalice Lighting: “To Know the Dark,” by Wendell Berry.

To go in the dark with a light is to know the light.
To know the dark, go dark. Go without sight,
and find that the dark, too, blooms and sings,
and is traveled by dark feet and dark wings.

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages: The First Song by Andra Corban Arthen

Presentation: “Long Night Reflections” by Rev. Matt Aspin
Relates to 4th Principle- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

Closing Words: “A Winter Solstice Prayer,” by Edward Hayes.

Closing Music: “I’ll Follow the Sun,” by Lennon-McCartney, performed by Paul McCartney

Joys and Concerns; Welcome Guests and Visitors

This service is being recorded for those who are unable to attend today.



Announcements

We are sharing this quarter’s offering with The Catalyst Project, a community of up to four single moms and their kids who are experiencing homelessness. In partnership with founders Susan and Anna Donahoe, the families gain access to permanent housing and other support services while living community-style in a house on Madison’s east side. Catalyst is founded on the belief that the wisdom of those who are not well served by society is essential to creating a society that serves all of its people.

The Study Group Continues in January! Prairie’s Study Group will meet via Zoom the 2nd and 4th Mondays in January (Jan. 10 and 24) to discuss the book The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates. February’s selection is Behind the Kitchen Door by Saru Jayaraman, led by Katrina Thompson.

Join Rev. Matt Wednesday, December 29 at 1:00pm or 7:30 pm, for Matt’s Chats! Matt’s Chats offer a space where Prairie Members can drop in to touch base, develop new connections, and potentially have some interesting discussions along the way.

No long term commitment required, just a desire to connect, share a bit of your story, and maybe even learn a thing or two.

Find the link to Rev. Matt’s Chats [on Prairie’s website](#).

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, December 19, 2021

10:00 Service
11:30 Board

Sunday, December 26, 2021

10:00 Service

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats
7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

Friday, December 31, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:00 Service

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, January 7, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:00 Service

Monday, January 10, 2022

7:00 Study Group

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats
7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

Friday, January 14, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Sunday, January 16, 2022

10:00 Service

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Prairie Poetry Share

Bring your own winter/holiday/family/friends poetry or favorite poems to share to the group. If you have favorite non-winter themed poems, you can bring them as well.

Sunday, January 2, 2021

"Wishes for the New Year"

Sunday, January 9, 2021

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, January 16, 2021

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, January 23, 2021

Service by Lisa Glick



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 human relations;
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.