

Winter Poetry Share

Order of Service

December 26, 2021

Prelude: “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen/Soalin” English traditional tune, arranged by Deborah Friou, performed by Dan Proud and Kit Reynolds on lever folk harps.

Welcome and Announcements: Paula Pachciarz

RE Volunteer Recruiting Video with Miles and Kira

Opening Music: “Carol of the Bells” arranged by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, performed by Carl Wacker on piano, Judy Wacker on viola, and Matt Wise on tin whistle.

Chalice Lighting: from “One Night on Monterey Bay” by Adrienne Rich

“Flags are blossoming now where little else is blossoming and
I am bent on fathoming what it means to love my country.”

Silent Meditation

Presentation: Winter Poetry Share

Closing Words: “For the Children,” by Gary Snyder.

The rising hills, the slopes,
of statistics
lie before us.
the steep climb of everything, going up,
up, as we all
go down.

In the next century
or the one beyond that,
they say,
are valleys, pastures,
we can meet there in peace
if we make it.

To climb these coming crests
one word to you, to
you and your children:

*stay together
learn the flowers
go light*

Closing Music: “Carol of the Bells,” music by Mykola Leontovych and lyrics by Peter J. Wilhousky, performed by the Germantown Friends Middle School Choir.

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 Monday in January (Jan. 10) 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.

PrairieWOW will meet on January 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. instead of January 1. Please note the change in date.

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 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)

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:00 Service

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, January 7, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, January 8, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

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

Tuesday, January 20, 2022

5:30 Board

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, January 2, 2022

"Wishes for the New Year"

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Service by Lisa Glick

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Service

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Service



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.