

“E Pluribus Unum,” by Rev Matt Aspin.

Order of Service
February 20, 2022

Prelude: “Romanze and Canzone” from Six Little Pieces by Ottorino Respighi, performed by Karlos and Melinda Moser. Karlos and Melinda are long time friends of Prairie. Married in 1982, they worked in opera at UW-Madison together until their retirement in 1998. They have concertized with 4-hand piano music in France, Spain, and Japan, as well as the US.

Welcome and Announcements: Barbara Chatterton Frye.

Chalice Lighting: “Chalice Lighting for a Service on the Separation of Church and State,” by Tracey Bleakney.

This chalice burns with twin flames. The first flame burns for those who seek and defend the right to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning so that each person may live according to conscience in a democratically elected society.

The second flame burns for the defenders of freedom, working against those who would impose their own religious beliefs on others through intimidation or legislation.

May we tend this fire always, ever vigilant and courageous in the struggle for freedom and justice for all.

Opening Music #159 (SLT): “This is My Song (Finlandia)” music by Jean Sibelius, words by Lloyd Stone, performed by Rachel Long, Lynn Currie, and Dan Proud

Silent Meditation

Reading: A selection from “A Faith for the Free” by James Luther Adams.

“There can be no reliable faith for the free unless there are faith-ful men and women who firm the faith into beliefs, who test and criticize the beliefs, and who then transform and transmit the beliefs.

This process of faith forming and transforming the beliefs of the free faith is a process of discussion; it is a cooperative endeavor in which people surrender to the commanding, transforming reality. The only way men and women can reliably form and transform beliefs is through the sharing of tradition and new insights and through the cooperative criticism and testing of tradition and insight.

Reading (continued):

In other words, people must sincerely work with each other in order to give reliable form and expression to faith. This is the only way freedom from tyranny can be fulfilled in freedom with justice and truth.”

Presentation: “E Pluribus Unum,” by Rev Matt Aspin.

Discussion

Closing Words: by Louise Green, a contributor to the book “A People So Bold.”

Who is the prophet in these urgent times?

You are the prophet, for there may be no other who will speak and act now.

The prophet hears and responds to an insistent and urgent inner voice.

The prophet speaks from an internal fountain, giving voice to another’s silence.

The prophet sees and expresses in uncommon ways, upsetting the status quo.

The prophet sends the wake-up call in the present, to shape the future.

Closing Music: “Ain't No Toll In Canaan” by Beth DeSombre, performed by Rachel Long, Lynn Currie, and Dan Proud.

Joys and Concerns; Welcome Guests and Visitors

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

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.

Announcements



We are sharing our Offering this quarter with the Tenant Resource Center which is dedicated to promoting positive relations between rental housing consumers (tenants) and providers (landlords) by providing information and referrals, education about rental rights and responsibilities, and access to conflict resolution.

The Study Group Continues in March! Prairie's Study Group will meet via Zoom the 2nd Monday in March (March 14) to discuss the book Let the Record Show by Sarah Schulman, led by Rachel Long.

April 2022: Colonize This! Young Women of Color on Today's Feminism edited by Daisy Hernandez and Bushra Rehman.

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates to fill some key positions. We encourage you to please consider deepening your connection to Prairie by serving in one of these roles. The openings are President, At-Large Board Member, Youth Board Member, and Nominating Committee Member. If you are interested in filling one of these openings, please contact the [Nominating Committee](#).

Save the Dates!

Prairie Auction: April 3rd!

Retreat: April 29th-May 1st

Stay tuned for additional details regarding these 2 exciting events!

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, March 6, 2022

"Imagining the Next Normal of the Coronavirus Pandemic" by Ajay Sethi

Two years ago, Wisconsin was faced with the threat of widespread community transmission of a novel coronavirus, leading to the Safer at Home order and a period of uncertainty and anxiety for everyone. Since then, safe and effective vaccines to prevent the worst outcomes of Covid have helped society endure multiple waves of the pandemic fueled by newer variants of SARS-CoV-2. Today, we still live with much uncertainty but greater wisdom as we face the future of the pandemic. In this talk, we will explore what living with the pandemic will look like moving forward. This is sponsored by Badgertalks.

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Daylight Saving Time begins
Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Service

Sunday, March 27, 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.