

## "Flashbacks" by Gene Kaine

### Order of Service

October 9, 2022

**Prelude:** "Addio del passato" from La Traviata by Verdi,  
performed by Amber

**Welcome and Announcements:** Suzanne Gernandt

### **Chalice Lighting:**

We light the chalice of our living tradition with these words:  
To face the world's shadows, a chalice of light.  
To face the world's coldness, a chalice of warmth.  
To face the world's terrors, a chalice of courage.  
To face the world's turmoil, a chalice of peace.  
May its glow fill our spirits, our hearts, and our lives.

**Opening Music:** SLT #131 "Love Will Guide Us",  
accompanied by Amber

**Story for All Ages:** Many Shapes of Clay: A Story of Healing  
by Kenesha Sneed

**Children's Recessional:** by Joyce Poley.

As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.  
Go in joy, go in joy!  
May fortune bless your day with peace and loving  
kindness.  
Go in love, go in love.

### **Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** "Flashbacks", by Gene Kaine.

### **Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** "Pavane" by Faure, performed  
by Amber

**Closing Words:** by Ma Theresa "Tet" Gustilo Gallardo

We cast not our eyes below, we say to ourselves we  
are how we came, wounded from struggles,  
triumphant in our survival, entitled by birthright to  
belong to this the only humankind there is, saying I  
am included, I belong, I am here, and I will be and do.  
I will breathe joy into desolation, I will breathe peace  
into conflict, I will breathe life into destruction. I will be  
the earth I wish to see. I am growth, and hope, and  
glee.

**Closing Music:** SLJ #1057 "Go Lifted Up", (with repeat)  
accompanied by Amber

**Joys and Concerns and Welcome Guests and Visitors**

**Greet Your Neighbor**

### **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

**For the fourth quarter of 2022, Prairie will share its offertory collection** Porchlight's DIGS program, which provides eviction-prevention counseling and financial assistance to households facing eviction. In 2021, DIGS counseled 1,007 households and gave financial assistance to 660 households in danger of eviction; 85% of those who received DIGS' assistance remained in housing six months later. The program is running low on funds, and Prairie's Social Action Committee thought it would be an appropriate sharer of our offering.

**Mission-Vision Discussions** Would you like to have input into the future direction of Prairie UU Society? Under the Board's direction, Rev. Matt will be holding discussions on Prairie's mission. The goal is for our community to engage in dialogue to re-affirm our shared understandings of Prairie's purposes, challenge our assumptions, and prioritize our collective actions going forward. Once feedback has been gathered from the community, a small Task Force will be convened early next year to help prepare a motion at the Spring parish meeting to either maintain the current Mission and Vision, or to vote upon updates.

There are meetings on Zoom and in person. Please see Prairie's calendar for meeting dates. RSVP to Rev. Matt if you're interested.

**Bylaws Discussion** The Bylaws Committee has submitted their recommendations to the Board and is seeking input before sending the changes to the congregation. Be aware that changes can't be made once the final proposal is published. Please consider attending one of these two meetings:

Sunday 10/9/22 after service, IN PERSON, Meeting Hall  
Wednesday 10/12/22 at 7 pm ON ZOOM,

## Prairie Board Officers and Staff

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## Calendar

Find the full Prairie calendar [on our website](#).

### **Sunday, October 9, 2022**

10:00 Service: "Flashbacks" by Gene Kain

11:30 Mission/Vision Discussion (Annex)

11:30 Bylaws Discussion (Meeting Hall)

### **Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

1:00 Mission-Vision Discussion (at Prairie)

7:00 Bylaws Discussion (Zoom)

### **Saturday, October 15, 2022**

10:30 Mission-Vision Discussion (Zoom)

1:00 Mission-Vision Discussion (at Prairie)

### **Sunday, October 16, 2022**

10:00 Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

### **Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

7:00 Mission-Vision Discussion (Zoom)

### **Saturday, October 22, 2022**

10:00 Creativity and Connection

### **Sunday, October 23, 2022**

10:00 Service: "Unitarian Universalism and Elections"  
by Mark Richards

### **Sunday, October 30, 2022**

10:00 Service: "All Souls Day"

### **Saturday, November 5, 2022**

10:00 PrairieWOW

### **Sunday, November 6, 2022**

*Daylight Saving Time ends – fall back one hour*

10:00 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.