

“Widening Prairie's Circle of Concern” led by Katrina Daly-Thompson and Pageen Small

Order of Service

October 16, 2022

Prelude: “Prelude II (Blue Lullaby)” by Gershwin, performed by Karlos Moser

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Matt Aspin

Chalice Lighting: “A Spark of Hope” by Melanie Davis, read by Rebecca Strome

If ever there were a time for a candle in the darkness,
this would be it.
Using a spark of hope,
kindle the flame of love,
ignite the light of peace,
and feed the flame of justice.

Opening Music: SLT #315 “This Old World”, accompanied by Karlos

Story for All Ages: The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates

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.

Presentation & Small Group Activity: “Widening Prairie's Circle of Concern” led by Katrina Thompson

Guided Discussion led by Pageen Small

Offering and Offertory: “Indian Summer” by Victor Herbert, performed by Karlos

Closing Words: “We Have a Calling in this World” by Jean M. Rickard, read by Rebecca Strome

We have a calling in this world:
We are called to honor diversity,
To respect differences with dignity,
And to challenge those who would forbid it.
We are people of a wide path.
Let us be wide in affection
And go our way in peace.
Amen.

Closing Music: SLT# 323 “Break Not the Circle”, accompanied by Karlos

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.

Save the Date! Prairie's Fall Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2022. We'll start the morning with a short service at 10:00 a.m. then move into the meeting. We'll be discussing the budget, a change to the bylaws and other important topics. We need 32 people for a quorum, so please attend!

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Calendar

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

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

7:00 Board

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

1:00 Mission-Vission Discussion (In-Person)

7:00 Mission-Vision Discussion (Zoom)

Saturday, October 22, 2022

10:00 Creativity and Connection

Sunday, October 23, 2022

10:00 Service: "Democracy Ain't Easy" by Mark Richards

Sunday, October 30, 2022

10:00 Service: "All Souls Day"

11:30 Soup Sunday

Saturday, November 5, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Daylight Saving Time ends – fall back one hour

10:00 Service

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

7:00 Board

Sunday, November 13, 2022

10:00 Service

Sunday, November 20, 2022

10:00 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 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.