

"Wishes for the New Year" by Prairie

Monthly theme: Finding Our Center

UU Principle: (3rd) *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations*

Order Of Service - January 1st 2023

Prelude: "Soundings" by James Naigus,
performed by John Wunderlin

Welcome and Announcements: Kathy Converse

Chalice Lighting: "The End Is the Beginning" by
Katie Gelfand

We call forth the life of our faith by igniting our
chalice.

This spark of new beginnings invites us into a
sacred space to reflect where we have been and
where we are going.

Even knowing that this particular flame will
intentionally end with our ritual extinguishing, we
fear not its end...

For we know, with brave hearts,
that from every ending of our lives,
We are sent forth to make a new beginning.

Opening Music: #235 SLT "Deck the Hall with
Boughs of Holly" accompanied by Dan Proud

Story For All Ages: *Freedom Soup* By Tami
Charles Read by Randy Converse

Silent Meditation

Presentation: Wishes for the New Year by Prairie

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: "Tanguito" by Dante
Yenque, performed by John Wunderlin

Closing Words: #544 SLT "New Year's Day" by
Kathleen McTigue read by Barb Park

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Procession to outside, led by Barb Park





Announcements

For the first quarter of 2023, Prairie will share its offertory collection with JustDane, which runs Healing House, a place where homeless families can stay while a family member recovers from surgery. JustDane also helps people returning to the community from prison with problems like finding housing, a difficult task for anyone with a record. And this is only part of what JustDane does. Thank you for supporting the important work of this agency!

Saturday, January 7th, 10:00 a.m. Prairie's Women's group, WOW (Online)

Prairie's women's group, WOW, will meet Saturday, January 7th, via zoom. All women connected to Prairie are welcome to attend. You can find the zoom link on the Prairie website, in the calendar entry for WOW.

Sunday, January 8th - Service by Rev. Matt

Sunday, January 15 - Service, "A Small Town Rises" by Eddie and Mary Sue Short. Mr. and Mrs. Short, joined forces in 1964 with a community of courageous black townspeople in Shaw, Mississippi who risked everything to dramatically change the status quo in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. In challenging segregation and its devastating effects, their lives were threatened, and they were jailed and harassed for helping people register to vote, fight poverty, improve schools, integrate public facilities, and more. Their weapons: conscience, courage, faith and solidarity.

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Sunday, January 8th, 11:30 a.m. Soup Sunday

Our next Soup Sunday is after the service on Sunday, January 8th. Please start thinking about what you'd like to bring to share. A signup link will be sent to Prairie News. Suggested donation \$5 for adults. Visitors, newcomers, and kids always eat for free.

Thursday, January 12th, Spanish Speakers' Potluck

This group is meeting in the Annex on Thursday, January 12th. The potluck will be in the afternoon and the start time will be announced soon. The group is open to all who wish to practice their Spanish. Please bring a food item to share.

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