

"Braver Angels on a mission to depolarize our nation" by Tom Sinsky

Monthly theme: Resistance

UU Principle: 5th Principle - The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large

Order Of Service - April 2nd 2023

Prelude: Sonata in G, L. 79 by Scarlatti, performed by Amber

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Matt Aspin (he/him)

Chalice Lighting: "Open to Unexpected Answers" by Julianne Lepp

We seek our place in the world and the answers to our hearts' deep questions. As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers.

May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community of warmth, of wisdom,

and welcoming of multiple truths.

Opening Music: #347 SLT "Gather the Spirit", accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: For Pete's Sake by Ellen Stoll Walsh read by our Director of Religious Exploration, Alice Mandt (she/her)

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: "Braver Angels on a mission to depolarize our nation" by Tom Sinsky (he/him)

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: Valse Sentimentale by Schubert, performed by Amber

Closing Words: From Braver Angels

If you are heartsick about the rancor tearing our country apart

If you believe that your opponents should not be your enemies

If you believe that America's best days can lie ahead

Join our legion of Americans who believe that the fight to save our nation begins with a ceasefire among ourselves.

Closing Music: #348 SLT "Guide My Feet", accompanied by Amber

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



Announcements

2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing: Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development

For the second quarter of 2023, Prairie is sharing its offertory collection with the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development, which provides peer support to men returning to the community from prison through its Reentry and Dignity Housing programs. Nehemiah also mentors kids who need help navigating school and life and offers an acclaimed course for the general public, "Black History for a New Day."

Spring Parish Meeting, May 21st 10:00 am

Please save the date for our Spring Parish Meeting on Sunday, May 21st at 10:00 am. Agenda and committee reports will be distributed prior to the meeting.

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

Service: Sunday, April 9, 10:00 am "Miracles of Spring" by Ilene Haykus

Easter and Passover are celebrated this month, but this time of year is about much more than dying eggs and eating matzo. The Spring Equinox last month, and the biblical stories upon which the holidays of Easter and Passover are based, mark periods of transformation and renewal in their respective faith traditions. As Unitarian Universalists, what meaning might these important celebrations have for us today?

Visitor Orientation Next Sunday

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Want to meet a few more people? Then, come to the Visitor Orientation next Sunday immediately after service on Sunday, April 9th. We'll meet in the foyer by the Welcoming Table.

Soup Sunday is today!

Join us after service for a potluck meal. A \$5 donation is suggested. Newcomers, visitors, and kids eat free. We need a few volunteers to help move chairs and set up tables right after the service. Thank you!

