

"Rainbowland" by Prairie Interweave

UU Principles: 1st principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person

Order Of Service - Aug 20th 2023

Prelude: "21 Songs Every Gay Knows" video by Todrick Hall

Welcome: Lynn Currie

Chalice Lighting: by Lori Gorgas Hlaban

We light our chalice flame

For those who lived their lives in closets of shame;
 For those who furtively visited the bars, where nobody
 knew your name;
 For the Stonewall riot - and the fierce transwomen who
 fought;
 For the plague, which still takes far too many, too
 young, too soon.

So many gone. So many never lived to see
 Out gay kids singing on TV
 Out gay people serving in the military
 Marriage equality
 Families formed by intention

We light our chalice flame for all these,
 and for our siblings of the rainbow,
 Living life out,
 In the open,
 With Pride

Silent Meditation

Opening Music: #170 SLT "We Are A Gentle, Angry People" by Holly Near. Sung by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus.

"We are a gentle, angry people...
 We are young and old together...
 We are a land of many colors...
 We are a **RAINBOWLAND** together...
 We are a peaceful, loving people..."

Presentation: Rainbowland: Pride, Struggle & Celebration - Interweave

Discussion

Offering and Offertory

Still Queer in America, by Becky Brooks

we were erased and still we loved
 we were shamed and still we loved
 we were expelled and still we loved
 we were laughed at and still we loved
 we were hunted and still we loved
 we were sacrificed and still we loved
 we were marketed and still we loved
 we were legislated and still we loved
 we were murdered and still we loved

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Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Closing Words and Closing Music

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Closing Words: by Denice Frohman: Poet, performer, educator

Growing up in New York City, I circled the last weekend of every June [on the calendar]. I started going to Pride with my friends in my late teens. More than a festival, it was a harbor that permitted us to explore our queerness; it fed our desires, and it quieted our fears. I remember the years at Pride when none of us were out to our families and how free we felt in those streets. And I remember the first Pride we went to after we all came out to our mothers (and later our fathers). There was something deeply liberating about taking up so much space—walking down Fifth Avenue to Christopher Street. It felt radical to see so many of us in broad daylight (and sometimes it still is). The Stonewall Inn was always our final stop. We knew we were there by virtue of the people who had cracked open those streets before us; we were born out of the light they ushered in and the spaces they left behind.

Closing Music & Dance Party: “Rainbowland” by Dolly Parton & Miley Cyrus



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Circle Dinner Signups

Circle Dinner Groups consist of Prairie UU Society Members and Friends who meet about once a month to share a meal. Both individuals and families can participate. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know Prairie UU Society folks better! Please signup by September 13. Signup sheets in the foyer. See Prairie News for online registration.

Announcements

Service: Sunday, Aug 27, 10:00 am "The Heroine with 1001 Faces" by Robin Proud

Many of us know the hero myth as described by Joseph Campbell over 50 years ago. A new book by folklore expert Maria Tatar explores the heroism of women from ancient lore to the modern box office.

Pride Fest & Pride Service

Prairie will have a booth at the Magic Pride Fest at Warner Park on Sunday, August 20th 1-6pm and at the Interfaith Pride Service at United Bethany Methodist Church on Monday, August 21st. Tabling from 5-6pm and service at 6:30pm. See Prairie News or reach out to Renee Deschard with questions.

Retreat Registration Now Open

Please see Prairie News for the link to register online for our retreat at Bethel Horizons Friday September 29th to Sunday October 1st. There are paper copies on the back hymnal cart today. Room preferences are based on first register and pay/first serve/availability.

Green Sanctuary Congregation

You may recycle oral care products including tooth brushes, empty toothpaste tubes, and empty floss containers in the box on the shelf outside the bathrooms in the Meeting House. It's one of the ways we continue our mission of being a UU Green Sanctuary Congregation.

3rd Quarter Offertory Sharing: Heart Room

For the third quarter of 2023, Prairie is sharing its offertory collection with Heart Room, a collaboration between families that have been homeless, Orchard Ridge UCC, and The Road Home. The money we contribute will be used for rental assistance for the families, who are working to achieve stability with the help of many partners. Heart Room gave a presentation at Prairie in March.