



"Emerson's Refulgent Religion" by Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill as presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski
UU 4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

Order Of Service - October 15th 2023

Prelude: "In Autumn" by Edward MacDowell,
performed by Karlos Moser

Welcome: Robin Proud

Chalice Lighting: "The Light of Truth" by Richard
M Fewkes

May the light of truth illumine our minds,
May the spark of love set our hearts on fire,
May the flame of freedom burn brightly within us,
Now and always.

Opening Music: "God Bless the Grass" by Malvina
Reynolds, performed by Dan Proud and Rachel
Long

Story For All Ages: *The Honest-to-Goodness Truth*
by Patricia McKissack

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

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Discussion

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

Closing Words by Virginia Woolf

If you do not tell the truth about yourself you
cannot tell it about other people.

Closing Music: "Bond of Union Song", music is
inside the back cover of the gray hymnal, lyrics by
Dean Schroeder, accompanied by Karlos

Announcements

Pledge drive song, performed by Dan and Rachel

"Budget Time" lyrics by Rachel Long

Budget time, raisin' money ain't easy;
We've got staff to pay, and other needs to supply.
Oh, your church ain't rich, and there's things that
need fixin'
We need all our pledges to multiply.

One of these mornings, we will have an
endowment,
We'll have money a-plenty, piled up to the sky.
Up until that morning, your generosity 's needed,
To keep our church healthy, let's give - you and I.

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

Announcements



Catalyst Project
Stability and Voice For Families

4th Quarter Offertory Sharing:

The Catalyst Project, a mutually supportive community for up to 3 single moms

and their children who have experienced homelessness. Participants have access to collaborative problem solving, trauma informed mentoring, and therapeutic intervention. The project's founding principle is that the wisdom of those mistreated by our society is essential to creating a society that serves all its people.

Interweave Meeting Today

Interweave, Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ and questioning folks, as well as allies, will meet today at noon in the main meeting room. All are welcome.

Our Fall Parish Meeting is Sunday, Nov 19th.

We'll have a very short service and then move right into the parish meeting. We'll hear about the findings from the Transition Team and vote on next year's budget. Per our bylaws, we need 30% of membership present for a quorum. Please plan to attend.

Pledge Drive Update

From our Finance Committee Chair, Chris Porter: I want to express a huge thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge for 2024. Prairie needs your continued financial support. If you pledged last year, please reaffirm that you will support Prairie for 2024. Please fill out a pledge form or email finance@uuprairie.org. Paper forms are on the hymnal cart today.

Announcements

Service: Sunday, Oct 22th "Killers of the Flower Moon" by Michele Clark

The film "Killers of the Flower Moon, The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI," starring Leonardo DeCaprio and directed by Martin Scorsese, is an adaptation of David Grann's 2017 nonfiction novel that tells the true crime story of the 1920s oil-rich Osage Nation--until one by one, they began to be killed off. This led to the newly created FBI and its young director J. Edgar Hoover getting involved in the case. Michele Clark lived much of her life in Oklahoma and lived near the Osage area when the book was released. She was fortunate to see the author, David Grann, speak about his book. The movie version, directed by Martin Scorsese, and starring Leonardo DeCaprio, Lily Gladstone, Robert DeNiro, and more noted actors, will be released in theaters on October 20.

Artists Reception Today

Please join us immediately following the service today for an artists reception for "Truth" from the Memory Cloth Circle, currently exhibiting at Prairie.

The Memory Cloth Circle are a group of women in the Madison area, who meet weekly to create needlework and fiber art. Strongly committed to the pursuit of truth as an essential element in the preservation and growth of democracy, the Memory Cloth Circle members were inspired to make a collaborative work, "Truth." Each stitcher created an individual response on a vintage linen doily with hand crocheted lace borders.

A Celebration of Life for Marilyn Ruecking will be held at Prairie on Saturday, October 28, at 3:00 pm. The service will also be on Zoom.