



"Deciding What's True in a Polarized Society" by Michael Wagner
UU 4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

Order Of Service - November 5th 2023

Prelude: "We Give Thanks", words and music by Wendy Luella Perkins. Performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

Welcome: Kathy Converse

Chalice Lighting: "We Light Our Flaming Chalice" by Elizabeth McMaster

We light our flaming chalice
To illuminate the world we seek.
In the search for truth, may we be just;
In the search for justice, may we be loving;
And, in loving, may we find peace.

Opening Music: "Each Step I Take", words and music by Wally Kleucker. Performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

Story For All Ages: *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* by John Scieszka

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: "Deciding What's True in a Polarized Society" by Michael Wagner

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: Nocturne Opus 72 No. 1 in E minor by Chopin, performed by Amber

Closing Words: "Cherish Your Doubts" by Robert T Weston

Cherish your doubts, for doubt is the attendant of truth.

Doubt is the key to the door of knowledge; it is the servant of discovery.

A belief which may not be questioned binds us to error, for there is incompleteness and imperfection in every belief.

Doubt is the touchstone of truth; it is an acid which eats away the false.

Let no one fear the truth, that doubt may consume it; for doubt is a testing of belief.

The truth stands boldly and unafraid; it is not shaken by the testing:

For truth, if it be truth, arises from each testing stronger, more secure.

Those that would silence doubt are filled with fear; their houses are built on shifting sands.

But those who fear not doubt, and know its use, are founded on rock.

They shall walk in the light of growing knowledge; the work of their hands shall endure.

Therefore let us not fear doubt, but let us rejoice in its help:

It is to be the wise as a staff to the blind; doubt is the attendant of truth.

Closing Music: #300 SLT "With Heart and Mind" accompanied by Amber

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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.

Fall Parish Meeting 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. The agenda and meeting materials will be distributed on Prairie News. Per our bylaws, we need 30% of membership present for a quorum. Please plan to attend.

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, Nov 12th "On Gratitude" by Ilene Haykus

The weeks leading up to Thanksgiving are an appropriate time to consider the role of gratitude in our lives. The very essence of the holiday is counter to our natural tendency toward desire. This morning, we will consider the myriad benefits of focusing our attention on the grace and abundance afforded us by existence, so often overlooked as we go about the day-to-day business of our lives.

Congregational Discussion - Today

The Transition Team will host a meeting immediately following the service today. The meeting will present results of the member/friend survey that asked in what ways and how much a minister is important. Financial costs and available funds for a minister will also be presented. The meeting includes time for small group discussions with each group facilitated by a transition team member. Childcare will be provided.

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.

New Hospitality Chair

The Board and Nominating Committee are excited to announce that Ruth Ellen Saul is our new Hospitality Committee Chair. Please join us in thanking Ruth Ellen for taking on this important role! This committee only runs successfully with lots of volunteers for preparing beverages and snacks for services and potlucks. Both setup and cleanup needed! Thank you to all the members and friends who regularly volunteer!