



"Humanism: In Command or in Crisis?" by Rev. Dr. Michael A. Schuler

7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

Order Of Service - December 3rd 2023

Prelude: Aria by Bozza, performed by Amber

Welcome: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting: by Wallace Robbins
Ours is a non-creedal society,
Not because we have no beliefs
But because we will not be restrained in our beliefs.
We dare not fence the spirit,
Nor close off the sincerity of conversation
With which souls must meet in religious association.
As others have their ways of religion,
So do we have this faith;
And in honest difference we order our lives together.

Opening Music: #188 SLT, "Come, Come, Whoever You Are", directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *Red and Green and Blue and White*
by Lee Wind, Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky

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.

Reading: from *Living With A Wild God* by Barbara Ehrenreich

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "Humanism: In Command or in Crisis?"
by Rev. Dr. Michael A. Schuler

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: Dance Bagatelle by Agay, arr.
Bruns, performed by Amber

Closing Words: "Carmel Point" by Robinson Jeffers

Closing Music: #1064 SLJ "Blue Boat Home",
accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

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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.



Solstice Bonfire
Thursday Dec 21, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
All are invited to enjoy a fire in Prairie's back yard. Bundle up and bring lawn chairs. The RE program will provide cocoa to drink and

marshmallows to toast.

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, Dec 10th "I Can Tolerate Anything Except The Outgroup" by Matt Wise

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.

Nifty Gifty! Next Sunday December 10 in RE will be our annual gift-crafting extravaganza - Nifty Gifty! Tell Karen, our DRE, if you would like to help. Donations of snacks for crafters are welcome: mandarin oranges, cheese sticks, pretzels or chips, cookies.

Service: Sunday, Dec 17th "Symbol Tree" by Prairie
The Symbol Tree all ages service is a Prairie tradition of love and light in the darkest days of the year. We see the light of hope in the children's candlelight procession (battery candles for safety), then we strengthen our relationships by sharing about our lives. Everyone is invited to bring something that symbolizes an important personal joy or sorrow from 2023. Each person has an opportunity to describe their symbol and hang it on our tree. The symbol does not need to be fancy - perhaps it is a photo or a slip of paper with a few words on it.

Potluck Sunday - Today

Please join us today after service for a potluck meal. We'll need volunteers to help set up tables, move chairs, and prep for food and beverage service. All are welcome!