



"I Can Tolerate Anything Except The Outgroup" by Matt Wise

2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations

Order Of Service - December 10th 2023

Prelude: Adagio and Allegro from Sonata No 3 by Handel, performed by Amber

Welcome: Robin Proud

Chalice Lighting: "Weavers of One Story" by Leah Ongiri

Here we are
together
each facing our different human tasks
or maybe the same central one:
to embrace the lessons life delivers
to discern and respond as we grow
to refuse harm and cherish flourishing

May we know ourselves
as vessels of infinite possibility
Holders of each other's heartaches and tales of joy alike
weavers of one story
in which we each have our part

Opening Music: #136 SLT, "Where Gentle Tides To Rolling By" accompanied by Amber

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "I Can Tolerate Anything Except The Outgroup" by Matt Wise

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: Largo and Allegro from Sonata No 3 by Handel, performed by Amber

Closing Words: "As we depart one from another" by James A Hobart

As we depart one from another, let our hearts be secure through every human season.

Let our hearts be secure in seasons of anguish as in seasons of joy, in seasons of failure as in seasons of success, in seasons of uncertainty as in seasons of security.

Let our hearts be secure in this dual reality: we are worthy recipients of love and support we can never earn, and we are worthy providers of love and support others cannot earn.

Let our hearts be secure, for hearts know and understand and will respond if invited in.

Closing Music: #1021 SLJ, "Lean On Me" accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

Announcements



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.

Personal Care Product Collection

The Social Action Committee is collecting new personal care products for distribution at the Allied Food Pantry. The food pantry is currently serving as many as 70 people a day each Wednesday with fresh and canned food. The personal care products are not provided by 2nd Harvest and must be donated or purchased. Look for a basket in the lobby or area near bathrooms. Thanks all for kindness and generosity. A list of most needed items is on the collection basket.

Save The Date!

Annual Prairie Auction - March 17th, 2024

Prairie's Auction is your opportunity to fill your cupboard with goodies, fill your calendar with fun events for months to come, and get help with troublesome tasks – all while enjoying the companionship, creativity, and skills of your fellow Prairie members. Not to mention helping fund Prairie's operations - so mark your calendar!

Announcements

Visitor Orientation - Today

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Want to meet a few more people? Then come to the Visitor Orientation today after the service. We'll meet in the foyer by the welcoming table.

Prairie Game Group Saturday Dec 16, 1 to 4:30 pm

All ages are invited to play table-top games together. A variety of games are available, For more information or to join the mailing list, please contact Andrea Scott at [annadax\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:annadax@yahoo.com)

Next 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.

Next Sunday Dec 17 in RE Children should go directly downstairs when they arrive. Later, they will join their families in the Meeting Room and participate in the intergenerational service.



Solstice Bonfire - Thursday Dec 21

6:00 to 7:30 pm

All are invited to enjoy a fire in Prairie's back yard. Bring lawn chairs. The RE program will provide cocoa to drink and marshmallows to toast.

Cozy Winter Brunch - Sunday Dec 25th, 10am

Bring your favorite dish and share a potluck brunch at Prairie followed by holiday music and a sing along led by Dan Proud. Bringing instruments to join in is encouraged. We've also invited our friends from James Reeb UU and the Free Congregation of Sauk County to join us. Let's eat, drink, and be merry!