

Calendar

Sunday, November 4

12:00 Humanist Union potluck with Dan Barker as speaker

Monday, November 5

7:30 p.m. Membership and Hospitality Committee meets

Wednesday, November 7

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Committee on Ministry meets

Saturday, November 10

9:00 a.m. WOW Women's Group meets at Kathy Converse's house
Saturday, November 10 – Sunday, November 11

Sunday, November 11

10:00 a.m. "Deep Listening, Deep Lessons" presented by Rev. Ralph
11:30 a.m. Book Club discusses *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon

Wednesday, November 14

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Program committee meets

Thursday, November 15

7:00 p.m. Prairie Movie Group views *Cinema Paradiso*

Saturday, November 17

9:30 a.m. "Path to Membership" Orientation session

Sunday, November 18

10:00 a.m. "Ways of Seeing" presented by Rick Ruecking (first of two programs)

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

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Prelude: *I Ain't Afraid* by Holly Near, played by Dan Barker

Welcome: Rachel Long, President of Prairie

Opening Words: *"The separation of church and state is extremely important to any of us who holds to the original traditions of our nation. . . . To change these traditions . . . would be harmful to our whole attitude of tolerance in the religious area. If we look at situations which have arisen in the past in Europe and other world areas, I think we will see the reason why it is wise to hold to our early traditions."* - Eleanor Roosevelt - read by Rose Smith

Hymn: #1017 Singing the Journey - Building a New Way*
Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Chalice Lighting: *"We will be a better country when each religious group can trust its members to obey the dictates of their own religious faith without assistance from the legal structure of their country."* - Margaret Mead - read by Dirk Herr-Hoyman

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Introduction of Speaker - Bob Park

Presentation: "Keeping Religion and Government Separate" - Dan Barker, Freedom from Religion Foundation

Discussion

Offertory: *Love's Last Gift* (excerpt) by Ralph Vaughan Williams+
Played by Doleta Chapru

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements:

Some announcements are in your order of service.

Hymn: #1059 Singing the Journey - *May Your Life Be As a Song**

Hymn - *The Battle of Church & State* – Words by Dan Barker

Closing Words: *"There is no such source and cause of strife, quarrel, fights, malignant opposition, persecution, and war, and all evil in the state as religion. Let it once enter our civil affairs, our government would soon be destroyed. Let it once enter our common schools, they would be destroyed. . . Those who made our Constitution saw this, and used the most apt and comprehensive language in it to prevent such a catastrophe."*

-- Justice H.S. Orton of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, concurring opinion in *Weiss v. the District Board*, decided on March 18, 1890, ruling bible readings and devotionals in public schools unconstitutional

*Please stand as you are able.

+British composer *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872-1958), a grand nephew of *Charles Darwin*, was described as "an atheist ... [who] later drifted into a cheerful agnosticism." He found inspiration in folk music and nature and depicted a wide range of human emotion in rich musical textures. His musical creativity was impacted by two world wars. Exposure to gunfire during his WWI service as a medic and artilleryman eventually led to deafness toward the end of his life.

Welcome to our service today! Please stay for coffee and fellowship following the program. Many thanks to our presenter Dan Barker and to all who made this program possible.

I Ain't Afraid - Holly Near

I ain't afraid of your Yahweh
I ain't afraid of your Allah
I ain't afraid of your Jesus
I'm afraid of what you do
In the name of your God

I ain't afraid of your churches
I ain't afraid of your temples
I ain't afraid of your praying
I'm afraid of what you do
In the name of your God

Rise up to your higher power
Free up from fear, it will devour you
Watch out for the ego of the hour
The ones who say they know it
Are the ones who will impose it on you

Rise up and see a higher story
Free up from the gods of war and glory
Watch out for the threats of purgatory
The spirit of the wind won't make
A killing off of sin and Satan.

Battle of Church and State - Dan Barker

We got to fight the battle of church and state,
Church and state, church and state,
We got to fight the battle of church and state,
Or the wall will come a tumblin' down.

Announcements

Humanist Union will meet after service with special guest Dan Barker.

Prairie Fire deadline is today. Send items to admin@uuprairie.org.

Blood Drive listed for November 24 will be rescheduled. Contact Gordon Cunningham or check Prairie Fire for new date.

Fall Frolic for all Prairie youth and their friends takes place on November 10-11. Children and parents are welcome to come for the evening or stay overnight. See Rebecca Malke-Eligenti to sign up.

Who Are UU? Session for those new to Unitarian Universalism will take place on Sunday, November 18, after the service. Rev. Ralph Tyksinski will be on hand to give an overview of our heritage.