

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“The Secret Life of Julia Ward Howe,” by Robin Proud.

May 18, 2014



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: “Song Without Words,” by Mendelssohn.
Performed by Mary Frantz.

Welcome and Announcements – Christina Klock

Opening Words

***Hymn #357 (SLT): #107 (SLT):** “Now Sing We of the Brave of Old,” accompanied by Phil Nelson.

Welcoming New Members: Kial-Ann Rasmussen and Phil Nelson.

Chalice Lighting:

We light this flame for the victims of human and natural catastrophes around the world:

- for those bent under the burden of AIDS, the stigma of the disease, and the lack of understanding of those close to them, neighbours and family members,
- for victims of famine, among them the many children with shrunken bodies and eyes that don't know where to look for help,
- for those injured by the breach of couples, especially the children,
- for refugees and those displaced by countless wars that ravage so many regions of our world, and who are left to stand on the doorstep of despair,
- for victims of the errors brought about by human whims and caprices, of which global warming is but one symptom.

We light this flame also as a sign of our gratitude for all the love, care and solidarity of which women and men are capable, in the face of such terrible tragedies.

—Fulgence Ndagijimana, submitted by the Assemblée des Chrétiens Unitariens, Burundi

Story for All Ages: “Miss Rumphius,” by Barbara Cooney.

Singing the Children Out: Farewell Good Friends

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “The Secret Life of Julia Ward Howe,” by Robin Proud.

Offering & Offertory: A choral prelude by Walther.

***Hymn #212:** “We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle”

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

*please stand as you are able.

**please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

Announcements

Green Note: Follow the speed limit on your summer road trips. Not only will you avoid getting a costly ticket, going 65 mph rather than 75 mph improves your fuel efficiency by 15%. If you do this all year, you will emit 1,500 pounds less carbon dioxide.

The Spring Parish Meeting will be held **today** after the service and Soup Sunday.

Sign up for the annual Prairie Family Retreat! The retreat will be held at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville, WI, June 6 - 8. Registration forms are in the lobby and have been sent out via Prairie News. Registration deadline is **today**. The annual retreat is a great time for Prairie members to connect with each other in a less hurried environment, have a chance to play, sing, talk, or just linger over coffee. Phyllis Long (plong373@gmail.com, 608-325-7397) is coordinating the program and is looking for volunteers to lead programs. Kate Liu (kgliu311@gmail.com 238-9153) will be the registrar this year, coordinating rooms and meals and whatnot. Program descriptions are posted on the back bulletin board.

Prairie's Book Club will meet on Saturday, June 7, at the Prairie Retreat to discuss *The Light Between the Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. It is a novel of moral choices told in the meticulous records of a lighthouse keeper.

HELLO CHOCOLATE LOVERS! After the service today in the back of the sanctuary the middle and high school RE students will be selling home made chocolate goodies to raise money for the children of Palestine. Please stop by and help Palestinian kids by satisfying your chocolate cravings!

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.

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Prairie Calendar

Sunday, May 18, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – “The Secret Life of Julia Ward Howe,” by Robin Proud.
11:30 **Soup Sunday**
12:00 **Spring Parish Meeting**

Monday, May 19, 2014

7:00 Prairie's Program Committee meets

Sunday, May 25, 2014

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service – “Tying Rocks to Clouds,” presented by author William Elliot

Sunday, June 1, 2014

10:00 Service – Transition Sunday
12:00 Humanist Union picnic

Friday, June 6, 2014

5:00 Prairie's Family Retreat begins at Bethel Horizons near Dodgeville.

Saturday, June 7, 2014

8:00 Prairie's Family Retreat continues

Sunday, June 8, 2014

10:00 Key Log Ceremony at Bethel Horizons.
No service at Prairie's Meeting House.

Sunday, June 15, 2014

10:00 Service – Reflection by Rev. Sandra Ingham

Saturday, June 21, 2014

12:00 Make Music Madison (Noon to 8:00pm)

Sunday, June 22, 2014

10:00 Service

Sunday, June 29, 2014

10:00 Service

Sunday, July 6, 2014

10:00 Service

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Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Next week's service:

“Tying Rocks to Clouds,” by author William Elliot.

