# **Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society**

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# "Visiting Days: A Sharing Service"

# **September 20, 2015**



## Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** "All the Things You Are," by Jerome Kern. Performed by Amber Bruns

Welcome and Announcements: Mary Mullen and

Peter Anderson

## **Opening Words:**

We are here to abet creation and to witness to it, to notice each other's beautiful face and complex nature so that creation need not play to an empty house."

-Annie Dillard

\*Hymn #347 (SLT): "Gather the Spirit" Mike Briggs, accompanist.

## **Chalice Lighting:**

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.

This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love,
And to help one another.

– James Vila Blake

## Story for All Ages

Singing the Children Out: "Farewell Good Friends"

\*\*Jovs and Concerns

**Silent Meditation** 

\*Hymn #107 (Prairie Song Book): "The Spirit of This Church"

**Presentation:** "Visiting Days: A Sharing Service," moderated by Mary Mullen.

Offering and Offertory: "Revelation"

\*\*Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Hymn (Insert): "Old Time Religion"

**Closing Words** 

**Greet Your Neighbor** 

#### **Extinguishing the Chalice**

\*please stand as you are able.

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

Today's tech assistant is Bill Parmenter.

#### **Announcements**

Green Note: The EPA estimates that for every 100 pounds your car carries, it loses 2% fuel efficiency. Remove bike and luggage racks when not in use, clean out the trunk, and, in the winter, remove snow from the top of your car when cleaning off the windows.

**The Prairie Book Club** will meet today after the service to discuss *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison* by Piper Kerman.

The Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, September 22, at 1:30pm in the Annex. Prairie Elders aims to provide good times and mutual support for older Prairie members and friends. We focus on conversation and sharing on the month's topic, with only one person speaking at a time. Bring a snack to pass, if convenient. Coffee and tea provided.

#### Prairie has HOW MANY members over 80?

Join families and friends in celebrating with Prairie's Octogenarians for a dinner on Saturday November 14, 2015 beginning at 2 pm. The menu will be traditional Thanksgiving with all the trimmings, vegetarian options provided. BYO wine/beer. This event is part of Prairie's Service Auction. Please plan on a \$17 donation per person (Octogenarians eat free!). All proceeds go to pay for the meal and as a general donation to Prairie.

**The Fall Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 22, after the service.

#### **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**

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meets in the Annex

Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service – "Humanism: Hubris and Humility"

Friday, October 2, 2015

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, October 3, 2015

9:00 PrairieWOW meets

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5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

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3:00 Fall Frolic

Sunday, October 4, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:45 Humanist Union meets

5:30 Men's Group meets

Sunday, October 11, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:45 Board meets in the Annex

Sunday, October 18, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

11:45 Soup Sunday

Saturday, October 24, 2015

9:00 Flea Market at Prairie

Sunday, October 25, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex

10:00 Service

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders meets in the Annex

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10:00 Service

11:45 Humanist Union meets

5:30 Men's Group meets

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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:

"Humanism: Hubris and Humility," by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

