

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“What Ails Our Democracy”

by Mike McCabe

November 6, 2016



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Mary Frantz.

Welcome and Announcements: Mary Mullen

Opening Words:

“Having lost sight of our objectives, we redoubled our efforts.”

– Walt Kelly

***Opening Hymn #307:** “The Human Touch Can Light the Flame,” accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Global Chalice Lighting:

The tao that can be told is not the eternal Tao;
The name that can be named is not the eternal Name;
The unnameable is the eternally real.
Naming is the origin of all particular things.
Free from desire, you realize the mystery.
Caught in desire, you see only the manifestations.
Yet mystery and manifestations arise from the same source.
This source is called Mystery.
Mystery within Mystery,
The gateway to all understanding.
*Chapter 1, Tao Te Ching, written by Lau-tzu. Modified
from a translation by S. Mitchell. Unitarian Universalists
Hong Kong.*

Story for All Ages

Children's Recessional: By Joyce Poley.

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “What Ails Our Democracy,” by Mike McCabe.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: Performed by Mary Frantz.

Today's offering will be shared with the UUSC.

***Closing Hymn #291:** “Die Gedanken Sind Frei”

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

Closing Words:

“It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.”

– Winston Churchill

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.

This week's tech assistant is Al Nettleton.

Announcements

Our November collections will be shared with the UU Service Committee, the UU service arm, which undertakes projects around the world that support human rights, including peace work, sustainable housing and clean water projects, flood victim support, etc., etc. Our November donations will be combined with Guest at Your Table, our annual UUSC project in December, and the entire amount will then be sent to the UUSC.

The Humanist Union meets today after the service starting at 11:45 with a potluck. Mike McCabe will speak on “The Coming Makeover of American Politics” starting at 12:30.

Prairie's Fall Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20. We'll be voting on the budget. Please attend!

Spanish Speakers Potluck will be held on Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amy Schulz, 2304 South Seyene Road in Madison. All levels of Spanish welcome. Bring a dish to pass if you can – if not, come anyway! Contact Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or to arrange a ride.

Bob Dylan Sing-a-Long Friday, November 18, at Prairie! Festivities begin at 6:00pm with a potluck. Bring along your album covers, music, books, pictures, memorabilia, and memories to display. Contact Dan Proud (608-212-3793) for more information.

The Prairie Book Club meets next Sunday after the service to discuss The Genius Factory by David Plotz.

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

Monday, November 7, 2016

6:30 Program Committee meets

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

3:30 History Committee meets in the Annex

Thursday, November 10, 2016

6:30 Humanist Union Movie Night in the Annex

Saturday, November 12, 2016

9:00 Introduction to Prairie

Sunday, November 13, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service: "Untitled," by Rev. Sandra Ingham
11:30 Book Club meets
11:45 Board meets

Monday, November 14, 2016

6:00 Finance Committee meets
6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

Sunday, November 20, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service: "Who Invited *YOU*?" by Rev. Sandra Ingham
11:30 Soup Sunday
11:45 Fall Parish Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

1:30 History Committee meets
1:30 Prairie Elders meets in Annex

Sunday, November 27, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service: "Nonviolent Peaceforce," by Kathy and Randy Converse.

Friday, December 2, 2016

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, December 3, 2016

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
9:00 PrairieWOW meets in Annex

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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:

"Untitled," by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

