

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning”

Matt Tedesco

September 11, 2016



Today's Order of Service

Prelude: “Finlandia,” by Sibelius. Performed by Aileen Nettleton.

Welcome and Announcements: Al Nettleton

Opening Words:

“No real belief, however trifling and fragmentary it may seem, is ever truly insignificant; it prepares us to receive more of its like, confirms those which resembled it before, and weakens others; and so gradually it lays a stealthy train in our inmost thoughts, which may someday explode into overt action, and leave its stamp upon our character forever.”

– W.K. Clifford, “The Ethics of Belief” (1879)

***Hymn #38:** “Morning Has Broken,” accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

Chalice Lighting: Adapted from “Prayer on the Anniversary of September 11,” by Gary Kowalski.

Story for All Ages: “The Naughty Little Rabbit”

Singing the Children Out

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning,” by Matt Tedesco

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Song from the Valdres,” by Greig.

Today's offering will be shared with Habitat for Humanity

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #21:** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Closing Words:

“We might, over and above all this, add, to what man acquires in the civil state, moral liberty, which alone makes him truly master of himself; for the mere impulse of appetite is slavery, while obedience to a law which we prescribe to ourselves is liberty.”

– Jean-Jacques Rousseau, “The Social Contract” (1762)

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 Andy Garst.

Announcements

Green Note: Perennial flowers and plants are a great addition to your garden. As fall and winter come around, trim your perennials to help lighten their load. They'll have more energy and vitality to last another year. Plus, trimming overgrown plants prevents nasty insect infestations and keeps your garden neat and clean.

We will donate half our offering to Habitat for Humanity for all of September. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing ministry which builds, renovates and repairs houses all over the world using volunteer labor and donations.

Circle Dinner sign-up will continue for the next few Sundays in September. Circle Dinners are rotating potlucks among assigned groups of Prairie members/families. If you join, you agree to host one meal for your group during the year. This is a fabulous way to learn more about a set of Prairie friends. The clipboard for sign-ups will be available in the foyer. Some preferences as to group size limits, schedules and other conditions can be made. Include any requests under the header that says preferences. Contact any one of us on Membership Committee if you have any questions: Heidi Hughes, Erin Bosch, Dan Proud, Rick Ruecking. Please join us!

Our Craft-N-Chat program has been a lot of fun and yielded some wonderful products that have benefited our kids in RE! Join us this fall on Saturday, October 15th from 9:30 – 12:30. This session we will be making 'sit-upons'. More info coming soon - but please mark your calendar now if you'd like to join us. We'll have light snacks and juice available.

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, September 12, 2016

6:00 Finance Committee meets
7:00 Program Committee meets

Sunday, September 18, 2016

10:00 Service: "In the Beginning" - Rev. Sandy
11:30 Soup Sunday
11:30 RE Committee meets
11:45 Book Club

Sunday, September 25, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service: "Respect" - ARC Community Member

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

1:30 Prairie Elders meets in the Annex

Saturday, October 1, 2016

9:00 Prairie WOW

Sunday, October 2, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union meets

Friday, October 7, 2016

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, October 8, 2016

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

Sunday, October 9, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service

Saturday, October 15, 2016

9:30 Craft-N-Chat

Sunday, October 16, 2016

10:00 Service

Sunday, October 23, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

1:30 Prairie Elders Meets

Sunday, October 30, 2016

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
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:

"In the Beginning," by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

