

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Current Theories on the Origin of Life on Earth”

by Lena Vincent

March 11, 2018



Announcements

Order of Service

Prelude: “Ashokan Farewell” by Jay Ungar. Performed by Carol Steinhart, fiddle, and Mary Mullen, guitar.

Welcome and Announcements: Kathy Converse

Opening Words:

“It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change, that lives within the means available and works cooperatively against common threats.”

– Charles Darwin

***Opening Hymn #303 (SLT):** “We Are the Earth Upright and Proud” Mike Briggs, Accompanist

Global Chalice Lighting: by the Rev. Lawrence Sudbury, in honor of the Comunione Unitaria Italiana being granted full membership in ICUU at the Council Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Current Theories on the Origin of Life on Earth,” by Lena Vincent, Graduate Student, Department of Botany, UW Madison.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Finnpolka,” a folk tune from the Setesdal region of Norway.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

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

Closing Words:

“If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands.” Milton Berle

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

We will share our offering this month with the Tenant Resource Center, which provides information and counseling to help resolve tenant-landlord problems in Dane County. The center also provides services to homeless people and those facing homelessness.

The theme for RE in March is BALANCE. We can always use volunteers! Contact DRE Holly Tellander for more information.

The Humanist Union will meet today after the service in the Meeting House. Please note the change in date and location. Humanist Union meetings begin with a potluck lunch at 11:45, and continue with a program from 12:30 to 1:30. Lena Vincent of the UW Botany Department will be speaking at the service, and will stay for a Q&A session during the Humanist meeting.

The Prairie Book Club will meet in the Annex after the service on March 18 to discuss LaRose by Louise Erdrich. The Book Club is open to everyone. You do not need to have read the book to attend. April’s selection is Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan.

Wednesday, April 4 at 7 p.m., Father John Dear, longtime activist, priest, author and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, will speak and discuss his new book, They Will Inherit the Earth, at **James Reeb**. This landmark work argues we need to help build the global grassroots movement of nonviolence if we are to protect creation. Fr. Dear will invite audience members to take new steps into active solidarity with Mother Earth and suffering humanity and to welcome a new culture of peace and nonviolence. To RSVP go to: <http://bit.ly/FrJohnDear>

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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Calendar

Sunday, March 18, 2018

10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday
11:45 Book Club

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

2:00 History Committee

Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service

Sunday, April 1, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service: "No Fooling!" by Rev. Sandra Ingham
11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

Monday, April 2, 2018

7:00 Program Committee in Annex

Friday, April 6, 2018

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, April 7, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
10:00 PrairieWOW in Annex

Sunday, April 8, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Board meets in Annex

Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday
11:45 Book Club in Annex

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in 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:

"The News IS Brought to You By ___?"
by Rev. Sandra Ingham

