

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**Louisa May Alcott
by Amber Brun**

April 29, 2018



Order of Service

*I am not afraid of storms,
for I am learning to sail my ship.
Louisa May Alcott*

Prelude: "Orchard House," from *Little Women*, by Thomas Newman. Performed by Amber Brun.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #21 (SLT)** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages: *Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott*, by Yona Zeldis McDonough and Bethanne Anderson..

Children's Recessional: by Joyce Poley.

*As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.
Go in joy, go in joy!
May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.
Go in love, go in love.*

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #121:** "We'll Build a Land"

Readings: "Work: A Story of Experience" and an excerpt from *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott.

Responsive Reading #531: "The Oversoul," by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Presentation: "Louisa May Alcott," by Amber Brun.

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory: excerpt from "The Alcotts" by Charles Ives.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #320:** "The Pen Is Greater"

Closing Words:

"Have regular hours for work and play; make each day both useful and pleasant, and prove that you understand the worth of time by employing it well. Then youth will bring few regrets, and life will become a beautiful success." – Louisa May Alcott

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering for the second fiscal quarter with Project Respect. Project Respect is a women's center which provides advocacy, case management, counseling, crisis intervention, transitional housing, and a safe, nonjudgmental space for peer support group services for women with a history of prostitution.

The Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20, after the service and during Soup Sunday. We'll hear from the Finance Committee, the Remodeling Committee, the Social Action Committee, and elect Board members. Please plan to attend! We'll try to keep it short.

Benefit Allied Neighborhood: Beautiful photographic note cards created by Diane Stevens are for sale in a basket in lobby. All proceeds go to Allied Partners for tfor eviction prevention and special projects.

Film Festival of One: This evening at 7:00 p.m. we will show *The Soloist*, a feature film starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey, about a mentally ill homeless cellist in L.A. It is a very good movie! The Social Action committee is showing the movie as our committee is exploring focusing our energy and support on homeless issues in the community. Movie runs 116 minutes. Popcorn and snacks. BYOB. Please join us!!!

The Humanist Union will meet on Sunday, May 6, in the Annex after the service. Potluck lunch begins at 11:45, program begins at 12:30. This month, Doug Renk will bring a photo-illustrated presentation titled *Forward! Marching Band History: Activism and Solidarity through Music*.

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

Friday, May 4, 2018

6:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, May 5, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday May 6, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service: "World Religions, Unitarian
Universalism, and My View," by Katherine Liu.

11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

Monday, May 7, 2018

7:00 Program Committee in Annex

Sunday, May 13, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:45 Board in Annex

11:45 Book Club in Meeting House

Sunday, May 20, 2018

8:45 Choir rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 Soup Sunday

11:30 Parish Meeting

Sunday, May 27, 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:
"Louisa May Alcott"
by Amber Brunns

