

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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Symbol Tree

December 23, 2018



Order of Service

Prelude: "When the Song of the Angels is Stilled," by Howard Thurman. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

Welcome and Announcements: Lynn Currie

Opening Words: "Embrace the Night," by Jennifer Leota Gray

Universal mystery,
Guide us away from the desire to
Shine light in all the corners.
Teach us to embrace the night,
For without the darkness,
We never see the stars.

Santa Lucia Procession: Led by Aidan Small. The congregation will hum "Silent Night" accompanied by Mike Briggs

Chalice Lighting:

In a world filled with the darkness of ignorance, let us bring the light of reason
In a world filled with the darkness of despair, may we share the light of hope
In a world filled with the darkness of hate, let us shine the light of love
– Douglas John Traversa

Story for All Ages: Children of the Northlights by Ingrid and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

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Offering and Offertory: Performed by Mary Frantz.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #245 (SLT):** "Joy to the World"

Closing Words:

This is the solstice, the still point
of the sun, its cusp and midnight,
the year's threshold
and unlocking, where the past
lets go of and becomes the future....
– from "Solstice Poem" by Margaret Atwood

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.
Thank you to Andy Garst, this week's tech assistant.

Announcements

Green Tip: Consider using sand on your slippery sidewalks this winter. For those stubborn icy patches, use an environmentally and pet friendly sidewalk salt.

We will share our offering this quarter with The Beacon, the day shelter for those experiencing homelessness. In addition to a warm, safe space to stay during the day, The Beacon provides shower facilities, lunch and snacks, laundry facilities, transportation to night shelters, access to phones and computers, and mental health counseling and case management.

Past leaders of the Santa Lucia procession (most recent first): Aaron Liu, Gavin Richards, Amber Gordon, Cecylia Richards, Cecilia Whitehead, Rachel Hughes, Caitlyn Nicholson, Cheyenne Hale, Katherine Liu, Jessie Garst, Tatum Mueller, Xena Anderson, Valerie Anderson, Marie Nahlik, Toby Wacker, Madeline Arnold, Lushana Peterson, Judy Wacker, Katrina Schroeder.

1st Friday Film at FUS January 4! First Unitarian Society's 1st Friday Films series continues on January 4 with the film *The Reluctant Radical*. From the film's website: "THE RELUCTANT RADICAL follows activist Ken Ward as he confronts his fears and puts himself in the direct path of the fossil fuel industry to combat climate change. After twenty years leading environmental organizations, Ken became increasingly alarmed by both the scientific evidence of climate change and the repercussions for civilization as we know it." After failing to elicit a crisis level response from environmental groups, Ken turns to civil disobedience.

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, December 23, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service: Symbol Tree

Sunday, December 30, 2018

10:00 Service

Thursday, January 3, 2018

2:30 pm Prairie Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, January 4, 2018

6:00 pm Board Game Night

Saturday, January 5, 2019

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
Roaring 20s Auction Event

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Board in Annex

Thursday, January 17, 2019

2:30 Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, January 18, 2019

6:00 Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive Threads
in Annex

Sunday, January 20, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday
12:00 Book Club: Deadly Will, by Marion Moore Hill

Sunday, January 27, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday

Thursday, January 31, 2019

7:00 pm Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, February 1, 2019

6:00 Board Game Hingh

Saturday, February 1, 2019

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
5:00 pm Paint Your Pet auction event

Sunday, February 2, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union 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:

“UU Paganism” by Rhiannon Rudisill

