

**The Jewish and UU Roots
of Social Justice
by Rabbi Bonnie Margulis**

December 1, 2019

Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Amber Bruns

Welcome and Announcements:

Special Music: “Buddy, Can You Spare a Pledge,” an original song by Paula Pachciarz.

Opening Words: by David Breeden.

“Advent, adventus, means waiting. And the holiday season is nothing if not waiting—to get done the chores; to find the right gift; to find time for quiet moments; to accept that our loved ones will not (always) be as we wish them to be. We will light the chalice this holiday season, this time of waiting, to remind ourselves to enjoy the moment—the now—of our lives. Yes, much is coming, and always we wait; but those things to come will also be now, when they come.”

***Opening Song #10 (SLT):** “Immortal Love” Amber Bruns, Accompanist.

Chalice Lighting: by David Breeden.

Story for All Ages: Lost and Found Cat: The True Story of Kunkush’s Incredible Journey by Doug Kuntz. Read by Renee Deschard.

Singing the Children Out: by Joyce Poley.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “The Jewish and UU Roots of Social Justice,” by Rabbi Bonnie Margulis

Discussion

Offering and Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Song #194:** “Faith is a Forest”

Closing Words: by Jay E Abernathy, Jr.

We affirm that love is our greatest purpose.
Accepting one another is the truest form of faithful living.
The search for truth is our constant star.
We pledge our hearts, minds, and hands:
To challenge injustice with courage;
To find hope in times of fear;
And to live out our Unitarian Universalist values every day as
a beloved community.
Thus do we covenant with each other and with all that is
sacred in life.

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering for the fourth quarter with “The Street Pulse,” a monthly newspaper sold on the streets of Madison by homeless vendors to provide them some income. Madison Urban Ministries was an early financial supporter. The newspaper publishes stories and poems by homeless individuals as well as the work of local activists. Sellers purchase their papers for 25 cents apiece and sell them for \$1.

Prairie’s Fall Parish Meeting will be held *next Sunday, December 8*, after the service at Oak Park Place. We will be voting on the budget and by-laws, discussing ministry at Prairie, and hearing from the committees, among other topics of discussion. Please stay after the service to attend the meeting!

Nifty Gifty on next Sunday, December 8! The RE kids will make craft gifts to give over the holidays in this Prairie RE tradition. Drop kids off at the Annex after 9:30 and pick up after the Parish Meeting (around 1:00 pm). Would you like to volunteer? Contact Holly Tellander.

The Humanist Union will meet after the service today in the Annex to hear a presentation from Susan Hagstrom on “Highlights from the Freedom From Religion Foundation’s 2019 National Convention in Madison,” 12:30 to 1:30. That will follow a potluck lunch starting at noon.

Please take a moment to help us clean up by:
--returning your hymnal to the cart
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--and tidying up around your seat.

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.

Calendar

Sunday services meet at Oak Park Place. All other events and meetings will be in the Annex unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, December 1, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service: Judaism and UU by Rabbi Bonnie Margulis
12:00 Humanist Union in Annex

Saturday, December 7, 2019

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
9:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Nifty Gifty in Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 *Fall Parish Meeting* at Oak Park Place

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service: Symbol Tree

Thursday, December 19, 2019

7:00 Program Committee, location TBA

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service: Singing Through Our UU Values

Sunday, December 29, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service: TBA

Saturday, January 4, 2020

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
9:00 PrairieWOW
6:30 Movie Night

Sunday, January 5, 2019

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Service: "'The Gospel According to...Me,'" by Erin Bosch
11:45 Humanist Union

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, December 8, 2019

"The Yahara 2070 Project," by Dr. Steve Carpenter.

Dr. Carpenter is the Emeritus Director and Stephen Alfred Forbes Professor of the Center for Limnology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He'll be discussing the Yahara 2070 Project. From the Center for Limnology website: "The primary goal of Yahara 2070 is to understand a range of potential future conditions for the region's ecosystem services, or the natural benefits people depend on, such as freshwater and food production. This information can highlight opportunities and challenges to building resilience for our communities and ecosystems."

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Symbol Tree

In this all ages service, attendees can bring a physical item that represents an important milestone from the past year, talk about it and hang it on our tree.

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Singing Through our UU Principles

Join us for this all ages service as we sing well known songs (like Jingle Bells) that tie into our UU values. Cookies and sparkling juice served following the service.

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.