

**The Yahara 2070 Project by Dr. Steve Carpenter**

**Order of Service**  
**December 8, 2019**

**Prelude:** Performed by Amber Bruns

**Welcome and Announcements:** Penny Eiler

**Opening Words:**

In this holiday season,  
May the darkness of winter  
Be dispelled in this festival of lights,  
And may the darkness of ignorance  
Be dispelled in the strength  
Of compassion, reason,  
And sharing.

**\*Opening Song #137 (SLT):** “We Utter Our Cry” Amber Bruns, Accompanist.

**Global Chalice Lighting:** by Rev. Aryanto Nugroho from the Unitarian Christian Church of Indonesia.

THE LORD not only gave this earth to humankind for their workspace, but also to take care of it. It is a pity, that humanity forgets and ignores the caring of this world, so climate crisis makes earth languish and the people suffer. It is not enough for us just to deepen our spirituality. It is not enough for us to serve good to humanity. We are also called to ignite hope for the future generations, that they will still have this earth as their prosperous and fruitful home, not to languish and fading away ground. We light our chalice today with hope, prayer and commitment, that we will take part in keeping the sustainability of this earth. We make this calling part of our spirituality, that we will take up our responsibility and will urge the other to also take responsibility to care for this earth and save it from climate crisis.

**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 #1064 (STJ):** “Blue Boat Home”

**Closing Words #550 (SLT):** “We Belong to the Earth”

**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 *after the service today*. We will be voting on the budget and by-laws amendments, electing ministerial search committee members, discussing ministry at Prairie, and hearing from the committees, among other topics of discussion. Please stay 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).

**Symbol Tree Service next week!** This intergenerational service begins with a [battery-powered] candlelit Santa Lucia procession of our young people into the meeting room. Then everybody has the opportunity to hang a symbol of something they want to share on our community tree and say a few words about it. Bring a symbol. This is an excellent opportunity for our community to connect with each other as another year closes.

**Please take a moment** to help us clean up by:  
--returning your hymnal to the cart  
--returning your Order of Service to the cart  
--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 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, 2020**

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

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service: "Who Saved the Electric Car," by John Wunderlin.  
11:45 Board

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service: "Troublemaker for Justice - The Story of Bayard Rustin," by Jacqueline Houtman.

**Prairie Staff and Board Members**

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Upcoming Services

**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 Principles. Cookies and sparkling juice served following the service.

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Service TBA

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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.