

Singing Through Our UU Principles

Order of Service

December 22, 2019

Prelude: Performed by Mary Frantz

Welcome and Announcements: Barbara Park

Welcome New Members

Opening Words: "On a Winter Morning," by Barbara Cheatham.

It is a good morning to be together!

When winter's darkness spreads across the land, and cold seeps through our thickest coats, we hurry here, drawn by the warmth of faces familiar and new, to the welcoming walls of this house.

Here, for this hour, we open ourselves to new understanding, reassurance, and hope, for this is a place where truth, love, and challenge meet.

Welcome. It is a good morning to be together.

1st Principle: "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" Played by Carl Wacker on piano

Chalice Lighting: by David Breeden

In the weeks of the advent season, the weeks of waiting, we have remembered patience; we have looked to light to dispel darkness; we have pledged to be, do, and seek peace. This week, we remember the foundation of all these things: Love

Story for all Ages: Santa Duck and His Merry Helpers by David Milgrim.

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

2nd Principle: "Feliz Navidad" Played by Ron Frye on guitar

3rd Principle: "Jingle Bells" Played by Carl Wacker

4th Principle: "Frosty the Snowman" Played by Carl Wacker

5th Principle: "This Land is Your Land" Played by Dan Proud on guitar

Offering and Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

6th Principle (#240 SLT): "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" (vs 1, 2 & 5). Played by Mary Frantz on piano

7th Principle (#235 SLT): Deck the Halls

Closing Words: By Andrew Pakula

May you know fully and deeply the blessings of each of your heart's seasons

The inward turning of Winter

Springtime's lush renewal

The effortless, steady growth of summer

And autumn's rich harvest

May your passage from season to season be blessed –

Eased by hands to hold, and by the light of love to guide you on.

Greet Your Neighbor

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.

Parish Meeting January 26! We will continue our discussion about the role of a minister at Prairie. The Program Committee is planning a shortened service to leave more time for discussion during the meeting. Please have your voice heard and attend!

The Humanist Union has suspended its meetings until the Meeting House has reopened.

One of Prairie's Social Action initiatives is to make breakfast at the men's emergency shelter at Grace Episcopal Church. Our "turn" is at 5:00 am on the first Saturday after the first Friday every month. Prairie's next turn to make breakfast is on January 4. Please contact Paula Pachciarz if you would like to volunteer.

PrairieWOW (Women of Wonder) is Prairie's women's group which meets the first Saturday each month. All women associated with Prairie are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be on January 4 at 9:00 am in the Annex. Please bring a brunch dish to pass if convenient.

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 29, 2019

10:00 Service: "Meet the Guests at Your Table"

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

Saturday, January 18, 2020

9:00 PUUP (Prairie UU Parents)

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service: "Troublemaker for Justice – The Story of Bayard Rustin," by Jacqueline Houtman.

Sunday, January 26, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Short Service

10:45 *Parish Meeting*

Saturday, February 1, 2020

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal

9:00 Prairie WOW

Sunday, February 2, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Service: Imbolc

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, December 29, 2019

"Meet the Guests at Your Table"

Guided by Unitarian Universalist principles and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) strives to advance human rights, dismantle systems of oppression, and uplift and affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all people. The UUSC has a 4 Star rating with Charity Navigator.

Please join us as we discuss one of the UUSC's initiatives, Guest at Your Table. This annual intergenerational program raises support for and awareness about key human rights issues. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals – the "guests" in Guest at Your Table.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

"The Gospel According to...Me," by Erin Bosch.

Erin will share her favorite Bible stories, specifically from gospels by Luke and Matthew, and will invite others to comment and/or share one of their favorites. Come prepared for a lot of discussion.

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.