Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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"Let's Agree to Disagree: Notes from the 2011 General Assembly," presented by Phyllis Long, Rosemarie Lester, Barb Park, Christina Klock and Marcia Johnson.

September 18, 2011



Today's Order of Service

Prelude – "Gather the Spirit," by Jim Scott. Performed by Lynn Pawelski, Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Welcome and Announcements - Barb Park

Opening Words

*Hymn #1014 (STJ): "Standing on the Side of Love," Doleta Chapru, accompanist.

Lighting of the Chalice

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages: "Zebra Question," by Shel Silversein.

Singing the Children out - Farewell Good Friends

**Joys and Concerns

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Responsive Reading:

For being too often blind to inherited and unmerited privilege,

We seek forgiveness and begin again in love.

For remaining silent when a single word would have made a difference,

We seek forgiveness and begin again in love.

For each time that our fears made us rigid or inaccessible,

We seek forgiveness and begin again in love.

For each time that we have struck out in unrighteous anger,

We seek forgiveness and begin again in love.

For the self-centeredness that too often separates us from the needs and experiences of others,

We seek forgiveness and begin again in love. For falling short of the admonitions of the spirit within and beyond.

We seek forgiveness and begin again in love. For losing sight of our unity,

We seek forgiveness and begin again in love. For these and so many acts and omissions, both evident and subtle, which have nurtured the illusion of separateness,

We seek forgiveness and begin again in love.

by Rev. Robert Eller-Isaacs (adapted)

Presentation: "Let's Agree to Disagree: Notes from the 2011 GA," presented by Rosmarie Lester, Christina Klock, Barb Park, Phyllis Long and Marcia Johnson

Discussion

Offering & Offertory – "Swimming to the Other Side," by Pat Humphries. Performed by Lynn Pawelski.

*Hymn #1000 (SLT): "Morning Has Come"

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

*please stand as you are able.

**please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

Announcements

Green Note Food travels an average of 1,200 miles before it reaches your plate, so buy locally produced items to save energy and prevent emissions from going into the air.

Today is Soup Sunday! The theme is "Summer Produce." Please stay after the service for some good food and excellent conversation.

Spanish Speaker's Potluck The next Spanish Speaker's potluck will be September 19th at the home of Amy Schulz, 2304 S. Syene Rd. Please call Amy at 273-2639 for directions, or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information or to arrange a ride.

How shall we run our society? That's the question we will be answering this fall. Join the Long Range Planning Committee on October 9 for the first in a series of meetings to discuss Prairie's governance structure. Everyone is encouraged to attend so all points of view are represented.

Film Showing: On Sunday, Sept. 25th at 11:45 am, we will be showing a short twenty minute film entitled *Mathias Alten* (A Life in Art) after the service. Alten was a well known and respected American Impressionist artist whose works we had several opportunities to view while on the Prairie trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the beginning of August. We have invited the travelers who participated in the trip to view the film, and hope that Prairie members and visitors will remain to view it.

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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Prairie Calendar

Sunday, September 18, 2011

10:00 Service – GA presentation

11:45 Soup Sunday: "Local Produce"

11:40 Prairie Book Club meets to discuss "Enrique's

Journey" by Sonia Nazario

Monday, September 19, 2011

6:30 Spanish Speakers' Potluck meets at the home of AmySunday, October 16, 2011 Schulz.

Sunday, September 25, 2011

10:00 Service - "21st Century African Youth Movement," presented by Dennis Glover.

11:45 Showing of the DVD, "Mathias Alten, a Personal Portrait."

Tuesday, September 27

1:30 Prairie Elders meet.

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Extending Lives," presented by Dr. Cindy Haq.

Sunday, October 9, 2011

"What Is Mental Illness?" by Rachel Long, MD. 10:00

11:45 · Soup Sunday: "Porchlight Spaghetti"

11:45 Governance meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2011

9:00 ~ Prairie Mini-Retreat

1:00 Governance meeting (as part of retreat)

10:00 Service - "Death and Dying in America Part II: Hospice Care -- I Don't Know Why You Say Goodbye, I Say Hello," presented by Liz Allen.

Sunday, October 23, 2011

10:00 Service – "Death and Dying in America Part III: Choosing the Way You Die," presented by Jim Jaeger.

Sunday, October 30, 2011

10:00 Service - "Day of the Dead"

Sunday, November 6, 2011

10:00 Service - "Death & Dying in America I: Mindlessly 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
- 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:

"Creating New Possibilities in Sierra Leone," presented by Dennis Glover.

