

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Head in the Clouds” by Rev. Sandra Ingham

November 22, 2015

Today's Order of Service

“The very meaning of history is to be found in the struggle for community.”

– James Luther Adams

Prelude: Performed by Amber Bruns.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words

***Hymn #187 (SLT):** “It Sounds Along the Ages”
Amber Bruns, accompanist.

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages: *Stella Brings the Family* by Miriam B. Schiffer.

Singing the Children Out: “Farewell Good Friends”

****Joys and Concerns**

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #107:** “Now Sing We of the Brave of Old”

Reading: “Tending the Secret Garden,” by Rev. Kathleen McTigue

Reflections: “Head in the Clouds,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Responsive Reading #593: “Liberation Is Costly,” by Desmond Tutu

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory

****Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

***Hymn #355:** “We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks”

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 Tip: The Natural Resources Defense Council estimates Americans throw away 40 percent of their food every year. Help reduce food waste this Thanksgiving by starting with small portions. You can always have seconds (and thirds!).

Prairie Elders meets Tuesday, Nov 24, at 1:30 in the Annex. This month’s topic is *TED, the Prairie Elders’ Web Companion*. All members and friends 65 or older are invited. Bring snacks to share. Coffee & tea provided.

The Fall Parish Meeting will be held today after the service and Soup Sunday. Please attend!

Consider volunteering for the Men's Shelter Breakfast on the Saturday after the first Friday each month. Volunteers help cook breakfast or purchase groceries. See Paula Pachciarz for more information and to sign up to volunteer.

The Book Club will meet December 27 after the service to discuss *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande (nonfiction, 282 pages) (recommended by Pam Gates and Mary Frantz). The surgeon in the story is the father of Atul Gawande, who is also a surgeon as well as a writer for *The New Yorker*. His new book, “Being Mortal,” is a personal meditation on how we can better live with age-related frailty, serious illness and approaching death. (New York Times Sunday Book Review)

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, November 22, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday
11:30 **Parish Meeting**

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

1:30 Prairie Elders

Sunday, November 29, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Book Club meets

December 4, 2015

5:00 Board Game Night

Saturday, December 5, 2015

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

Sunday, December 6, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union meets
5:30 Men's Group meets

Saturday, December 12, 2015

10:00 Build Your Own Theology

Sunday, December 13, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Board meets in the Annex

Monday, December 14, 2015

6:00 Finance Committee Meets
7:00 Program Committee Meets

Sunday, December 20, 2015

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service – Symbol Tree
11:30 Soup Sunday

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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:

“All I Want for Christmas...Is to be More Buddhist,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

