

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“Loose Connections”

Rev. Sandra Ingham

January 8, 2017



Today's Order of Service

“The question remains: What do we do with all this beauty?”
– James Baldwin, in “The Fire Next Time”

“Your gifts whatever you discover them to be can be used to
bless or curse the world.” – Rebecca Parker

Prelude: Performed by Amber Bruns.

Welcome and Announcements: Penny Eiler

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #1018 (STJ):** “Come and Go with Me”
Amber Bruns, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages

Children’s Recessional: by Joyce Poley.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #55 (SLT):** “Dark of Winter”

Reading: “But Mostly Life Is Like This,” by Rev. Roger
Butts.

Reflections: “Loose Connections,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Responsive Reading #568 (SLT): “Connections Are Made
Slowly,” by Marge Piercy.

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory: Performed by Amber Bruns.

Today's offering will be shared with St. Vincent De Paul.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #1012 (STJ):** “When I Am Frightened”

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offertory collection with St. Vincent De Paul Society in January. The Saint Vincent De Paul Society is an international Catholic voluntary organization dedicated to helping the poor and disadvantaged.

The Spanish Speakers Potluck will meet on Monday, January 9, at 6:30pm at the home of Scott Freeman and Cassi Neff, 404 S. Blount St. #301. All levels of Spanish are welcome. Bring a dish to pass, if you can; if not come anyway. For more information or to arrange a ride, call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382.

The Humanist Union will meet today after the service in the Meeting House. This month, John Rummel of the American Astronomical Society will speak on the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. The meeting will begin with a potluck lunch at 11:45, with the presentation beginning at about 12:30.

The Prairie Book Club will meet on Sunday, January 15, at 11:45am. Please note the order of books for January and February has switched. January’s book is Lucy by Laurence Gonzales. Primatologist Jenny Lowe is studying bonobo chimpanzees deep in the Congo when she is caught in a deadly civil war that leaves a fellow researcher dead and his daughter, Lucy, orphaned. Realizing that the child has no living relatives, Jenny begins to care for Lucy as her own. But... she discovers that Lucy is... an entirely new Hybrid species - half human, half bonobo.

Prairie’s Board will meet after the service in the Capru Room of the Annex.

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

Monday, January 9, 2017

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

Sunday, January 15, 2017

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

Monday, January 16, 2017

1:30 History Committee Meets in Annex

Thursday, January 19, 2017

6:30 Humanist Union Movie Night in Annex

Sunday, January 22, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 7th - 9th OWL and Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

1:30 Prairie Elders meets in the Annex

Friday, January 27, 2017

5:00 7th - 9th OWL Weekend Intensive

Saturday, January 28, 2017

9:30 7th - 9th OWL Weekend Intensive

Sunday, January 29, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 RE Principal Action Day

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

3:30 History Committee meets in Annex
6:15 Finance Committee meets in Annex

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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:

