

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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“If Only...”

by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

February 12, 2017

Today's Order of Service

“I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain.” – James Baldwin

Prelude: Performed by Mary Frantz.

(To maintain the meditative nature of the service, please refrain from clapping following the special music.)

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn #323 (SLT):** “Break Not the Circle” Mary Frantz, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages: Two Friends, by Dean Robbins.

Children’s Recessional: by Joyce Poley.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #34:** “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

Reading: “True Wisdom,” by Rev. Kathleen McTigue.

Reflections: “If Only...” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Responsive Reading #638: “Love,” I Corinthians 13

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory

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This month our collections will be shared with the Street Pulse newspaper.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #108:** “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering in February with “The Street Pulse,” which is a monthly newspaper sold on the streets of Madison by homeless vendors to provide them some income. It was started in 2005 by a group of people concerned about homelessness. Madison Urban Ministries was an early financial supporter. Recently the paper applied for nonprofit status. The newspaper publishes stories and poems by homeless individuals as well as the work of local activists. Sellers purchase their papers for 25 cents a piece and sell them for \$1. (At least one Prairie member buys it for \$5.00.) The paper is always looking for submissions and advertisers! **Save the date!** Prairie’s annual retreat will be held May 12-14 at Bethel Horizons.

Prairie’s Service Auction will be held on March 5, just 4 weeks away! Would you like to donate? Contact Patty Stockdale.

The Prairie Book Club meets after the service to discuss Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, by Matthew Desmond.

Jim Scott in concert at Prairie at 6:00pm on February 19! Stay tuned for more details. From his website, jimscottmusic.com: “For more than three decades, Jim Scott has made it his business to create and perform music that celebrates the earth. His songs and poetry have inspired and educated audiences around the world. He has developed presentations for every age group and crafted songs that sensitize his listeners to the beauty of the earth, teaching principles of ecology in memorable verses.” Jim was the co-chair of the UU Seventh Principle Project, which created the Green Sanctuary program.

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, February 12, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 7th - 9th OWL class in Annex
11:45 Board meets

Thursday, February 16, 2017

6:30 Humanist Union Movie Night

Sunday, February 19, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday
11:30 7th - 9th OWL class in the Annex

Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:45 Choir rehearsal in the Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 7th - 9th OWL class in the Annex
11:30 PAD Workshop

Friday, March 3, 2017

6:00 Game Night in the Annex

Saturday, March 4, 2017

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
9:00 PrairieWOW in the Annex

Sunday, March 5, 2017

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

Monday, March 6, 2017

6:30 Program Committee meets

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

6:15 Finance Committee meets

Friday, March 10, 2017

4:30 7th - 9th OWL intensive weekend begins

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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:

“Abuse of Crimeless Prison Revocation,”
by FUS’s MOSES Ministry Team.

