

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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Water Ceremony

September 2, 2018



Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Amber Bruns

Welcome and Announcements: Karen Deaton

Opening Words:

“I know of a cure for everything: salt water . . . in one way or the other. Sweat, or tears, or the salt sea.” – Isak Dinesen

***Opening Hymn #210 (SLT):** “Wade in the Water” Amber Bruns, accompanist

Chalice Lighting: Prairie Children’s Chalice Lighting words

“This is the church of the open mind - this is the church of the loving heart - this is the church of the helping hands.”

Story for All Ages

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Water Ceremony,” by the Prairie Congregation.

Offering and Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn (Back of SLT):** “Bond of Union Song”

Closing Words #729: Responsive Reading: “The Winds of Summer”

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering for the third quarter of 2018 with the Allied Neighborhood Wellness Center, a health center in the Allied Neighborhood. The center offers financial assistance with prescription co-pays and bus passes and gas vouchers for doctor appointments, job interviews, and emergencies. Prairie is a long time member of Allied Partners, which is a consortium of churches that support the neighborhood as a whole.

The Social Action Committee continues Prairie’s collaboration with the Tenant Resource Center to collect items for formerly homeless individuals and couples. We’ve donated four baskets so far! Donation baskets and a list of items to donate are in the foyer. Please add to that list more laundry baskets for donations! Thank you for your generosity, and keep those donations coming!

The Fall Frolic has been canceled due to flooding on local lakes. The first day of RE will be next Sunday, September 9.

A special Parish Meeting will be held on September 23. We’ll vote on a Youth Member to the Board of Trustees, vote on a proposed change to the By-Laws, and hear an update from the remodeling Committee.

Prairie’s Family Retreat will be held Friday, October 12, through Sunday, October 14, at Bethel Horizons. Rick Ruecking is this year’s registrar. Activities begin Friday at 5:00 p.m. with check-in, a finger-food potluck, and games. Saturday will start bright and early with a full day of activities, 3 meals, and a talent show! Sunday will start with brunch followed by the Key-Log Fire and Service. (Please note there will be an activity at Prairie’s Meeting House on Sunday as well.) More information on programming soon!

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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Calendar

Thursday, September 6, 2018

7:00 p.m. Program Committee in Annex

Friday, September 7, 2018

6:00 p.m. Board Game Night in Meeting House

Saturday, September 8, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal

Sunday, September 9, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service: "Why Are We Here?" by Rev. Sandra Ingham

10:15 RE Begins

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service: "Usona Institute," by Dr. Charles Raison

11:45 Board in Annex

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service: "Eating to Live...Living to Eat," by Rev. Sandra Ingham

11:45 Parish Meeting

Sunday, September 30, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service: "Religious Education Goes Green," by Holly Tellander, DRE

Thursday, October 4, 2018

7:00 p.m. Program Committee in Annex

Friday, October 5, 2018

6:00 p.m. Board Game Night

Saturday, October 6, 2018

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 Prairie WOW in Annex

Sunday, October 7, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

Friday, October 12, 2018

5:00 p.m. Retreat begins at Bethel Horizons

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8:00 Retreat continues

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Noon Retreat Ends

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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:

"Why Are We Here?" by Rev. Sandra Ingham

