

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“Usona Institute”
by William A. Linton**

September 16, 2018



Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Mary Frantz.

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Ruecking

Opening Words:

“One of the interesting things about religions is that they are founded on a spiritual or mystical experiences of some leader at some point, who has direct contact with the divinity, whether it’s Moses or whoever started Scientology. And in the history of religion you have these upwellings of people wanting to have their own direct experience of God, and not going through proper channels. There are very few religions that will support that because essentially the hierarchy falls apart if everyone can have their own direct contact with God.” – Michael Pollan

***Opening Hymn #301 (SLT):** “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!” Mary Frantz, accompanist

Chalice Lighting:

In a world filled with the darkness of ignorance, let us bring the light of reason

In a world filled with the darkness of despair, may we share the light of hope

In a world filled with the darkness of hate, let us shine the light of love

By Douglas John Traversa

Story for All Ages

Children’s Recessional: by Joyce Poley.

As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.

Go in joy, go in joy!

May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.

Go in love, go in love.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Usona Institute,” by William A. Linton, Co-Founder.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #27:** “I Am That Great and Fiery Force”

Closing Words: by Macklemore

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.

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. The Social Action Committee wants to give a shout out to Susan Grabia who took 5 containers of housewares to the Tenant Resource Center. Susan said they were "thrilled."

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

Prairie’s Family Retreat will be held Friday, October 19, through Sunday, October 21, 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.)

Soup Sunday today! Stay after the service for a soup lunch. Suggested \$5 dollar donation per adult. Kids and visitors eat free! And of course no one will ever be turned away.

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

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service: "Usona Institute," by Dr. Charles Raison
11:30 Soup Sunday
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
11:10 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 at Grace Episcopal
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

Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service

Friday, October 19, 2018

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

Saturday, October 20, 2018

8:00 Retreat continues

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Noon Retreat ends

Sunday, October 28, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
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 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:

"Eating to Live...Living to Eat!" by Rev. Sandra Ingham

