

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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**“Their Gift to Us”
Rev. Sandra Ingham**

December 9, 2018



Order of Service

“We are a liberal church community which has not only dared to preach freedom but to live in freedom as well, which has not only prophesied a more just day to come but has dared to live prophetically right now.”

– Rev. Mark Belletini

Prelude: Performed by Mary Frantz.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words

***Opening Hymn (Back cover of SLT):** “Bond of Union Song” accompanied by Mary Frantz.

Chalice Lighting

Story for All Ages: from of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters, by Barack Obama.

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

***Hymn #352 (SLT):** “Find a Stillness”

Reading: from An Introduction to the Unitarian and Universalist Traditions, by Andrea Greenwood and Mark W. Harris.

Reflections: “Their Gift to Us,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #295 (SLT):** “Sing Out Praises for the Journey”

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Thank you to Evan Creed, this week’s tech assistant.

Announcements

We will share our offering this quarter with The Beacon, the day shelter for those experiencing homelessness. In addition to a warm, safe space to stay during the day, The Beacon provides shower facilities, lunch and snacks, laundry facilities, transportation to night shelters, access to phones and computers, and mental health counseling and case management. The Beacon also assists in finding employment and housing.

We are collecting household goods for The Road Home, which helps homeless families find housing and maintain it. Laundry baskets for donated items are under the tables in the meeting house foyer.

Nifty Gifty next Sunday! The RE kids will spend the morning creating craft gifts. Would you like to volunteer? Contact Holly Tellander.

Symbol Tree Service December 23! The Symbol Tree is a Prairie tradition. Bring a memento from the past year to decorate our Symbol Tree. It can represent any milestone from the past year (a picture, a report card, a baby’s footprint, a key, anything that will fit on the tree). Come prepared to share the story behind the decoration.

Justice Across Borders, Stories of Hope, 2018-2019, is the theme for the current Guest at Your Table (GAYT) program, the UUSC’s annual fundraising effort to support people around the world who are fighting for basic human rights. We have been giving out brochures that tell the stories and the GAYT boxes for your contributions. If you have not yet received the box and the brochure, please be sure to pick them up this morning; they are available in the lobby. We encourage you to bring the boxes back to Prairie -- full of your change, your currency, your checks – your choice! – on Symbol Tree Sunday. THANK YOU!!

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, December 9, 2018

10:00 Service
11:45 Board in Annex

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
10:00 Nifty Gifty
11:30 Soup Sunday

Monday, December 17, 2018

6:30 pm Spanish Speakers Potluck at the home of Emma Pachon

Thursday, December 20, 2018

2:30 pm Prairie Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, December 21, 2018

6:00 pm Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive Threads in Annex

Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service: Symbol Tree

Sunday, December 30, 2018

10:00 Service

Thursday, January 3, 2018

2:30 pm Prairie Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, January 4, 2018

6:00 pm Board Game Night

Saturday, January 5, 2019

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast
Roaring 20s Auction Event

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Board in Annex

Thursday, January 20, 2019

2:30 Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, January 21, 2019

6:00 Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive Threads in Annex

Sunday, January 28, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Soup Sunday
12:00 Book Club 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:

"The Caring Committee"

by Cheryl Robinson, Chair, Caring Committee

