

**“Inquiring Humanists Want to Know”
Rev. Sandra Ingham**

February 24, 2019

Order of Service

“Humanism is not primarily about denying the existence of the supernatural but about affirming positive values, especially the worth and dignity of every human being, the centrality of social justice, and the importance of community.” – from Humanist Voices in Unitarian Universalism

“This is my Humanism. Not singularly intellectual. Not steeped in certitude. But a relentlessly relational, ruthlessly real, test-driven-by-near-death Humanism. Humanism of holy stardust and ash. Of brokenness and wholeness.” – Rev. Kaaren Anderson

Prelude: “If I Had a Hammer,” by Pete Seeger.
Performed by Dan Proud and Roc Ordman.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Sandra Ingham

Opening Words: (anonymous)

***Opening Hymn #313 (SLT):** “O What A Piece Of Work We Are” Aileen Nettelton, accompanist.

Chalice Lighting: words by Rev. Kathleen McTigue.

Story for All Ages: The Adventures of Beekle, The Unimaginary Friend, by Dan Santat.

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 #93:** “To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love”

Reading: from Humanist Voices in Unitarian Universalism

Reflections: “Inquiring Humanists Want to Know,” by Rev. Sandra Ingham.

Responsive Reading #470: “Affirmation,” by Leonard Mason.

Congregational Response

Offering and Offertory: “Let the Mystery Be,” by Iris Dement.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #301:** “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky”
(all verses)

Closing Words

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offertory collection this quarter with The Catalyst Project, Inc. which is a nonprofit organization that helps up to four homeless mothers with children by providing housing with live-in residents who mentor, offer problems solving and other therapeutic interventions as each family unit needs.

Parish Meeting today! We will vote on whether to proceed with the remodeling plans as proposed by the remodeling committee. Your voice is important, so please attend!

Prairie’s Service Auction Next Sunday! Bike outing! Garden Harvest Dinner! Singing in rounds! Bed and Breakfast! Yoga! Art! Jewelry! Jam! There many fun, informative, delicious, and practical items in our service auction again this year.

We’ll start at the regular time (10:00 a.m.). Pick up your bidder card in the foyer on your way in to the Meeting Hall. After a short service, we’ll move right into the called auction. Tables with Buy Now items will be set up in the back of the Meeting Hall. Please join us on this fun day!

The current art display is the results of a 2018 Prairie Auction offering to paint your pet. Karen Deaton and Jane Richardson coordinated the event and prepared the materials for the painting. Please enjoy the results of all the Prairie artists.

The Prairie Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 17, to discuss Still Life by Louise Penny. All are welcome to attend. You do not need to have read the book beforehand.

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.

Calendar

Monday, February 25, 2019

6:00 Spanish Speakers Potluck in Annex

Thursday, February 28, 2019

7:00 Prairie Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, March 1, 2019

6:00 Board Game Night in meeting House

Saturday, March 2, 2019

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast

9:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 *Service Auction*

Thursday, March 7, 2019

2:30 Ukulele Group in Annex

7:00 Program Committee in Annex

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Daylight Saving Time ends

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

10:00 OWL in Annex

11:45 Humanist Union in the Meeting House

11:45 Board in Annex

Thursday, March 14, 2019

7:00 Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, March 15, 2019

6:00 Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive
Threads in Annex

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex

10:00 Service

11:30 Soup Sunday

11:45 Book Club

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, March 3, 2019: Service Auction

Rev. Sandy will begin the day at the usual time (10:00 a.m.) with a short service. We'll then move right into the called auction! We will follow our tradition of having Orange Schroeder as the auctioneer. There will be silent auction items to bid on as well. Do you have an idea of an event or item you'd like to offer? Contact Patty Stockdale.

Sunday, March 10, 2019 "Democracy and the Electoral College" by Ken Haydock.

An overview of the undemocratic nature of the Electoral College and a few alternative approaches to electing U.S. Presidents and Vice Presidents, with reference to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, among other possibilities.

Sunday, March 17, 2019 TBA

Sunday, March 24, 2019 TBA

Sunday, March 31, 2019 Join us for Rev. Sandy's last service



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.