

**“Encountering the Divine: Part 1”
Steve Hingle**

April 14, 2019

Order of Service

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.” – Albert Einstein

Prelude: “Forsvik’s Polkan,” by Carl J. Johns. Performed by Mary Mullen and Carol Steinhart.

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Ruecking

Opening Words: From Spiritual But Not Religious by Robert C. Fuller

***Opening Hymn #347 (SLT):** “Gather the Spirit” Aileen Nettleton, Accompanist

Chalice Lighting #451:

Flame of fire, spark of the universe
that warmed our ancestral hearth –
agent of life and death,
symbol of truth and freedom.
We strive to understand ourselves
and our earthly home.
– Leslie Pohl-Kosbau

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.*

Another Story for All Ages: Heidi Hughes

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

***Hymn #4:** “I Brought My Spirit to the Sea”

Presentation: “Encountering the Divine: Part 1,” by Steve Hingle.

Discussion

Responsive Reading #441: “To Worship”

Offering and Offertory: “Metsakukkia,” a Finnish folk song, edited by LeRoy Larson.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Closing Hymn #21:** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Closing Words: From Spirituality for the Skeptic by Robert C. Solomon.

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Thank you to Al Nettleton, this week’s tech assisant.

Announcements

We will share our offering this quarter with the Tenant Resource Center, which provides information and counseling to help resolve tenant-landlord problems in Dane County. The center also provides services to homeless people and those facing homelessness.

We are still collecting household goods and housewares for the Tenant Resource Center and The Road Home. A complete list is posted in the lobby, but in general we are looking for: bedding, dishes, pots and pans, silverware, cleaning supplies, dish and bath towels, etc, or things people need when moving into permanent housing. You can leave items in baskets under tables in the lobby or ask a member of the Social Action Committee for help moving things. Thank you for your generosity!

Add the upcoming Prairie History book release party to your calendar!! It is scheduled for April 27th, here at Prairie at 7PM. If you want to order a book ahead of time, see Mary Mullen.

There will be a meeting to discuss proposed changes to the bylaws on Sunday, April 28, in the Meeting Hall at 11:30 a.m. Copies of the bylaws with proposed changes are on the table in the foyer.

Prairie’s Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, after the service.

An Introduction to Prairie session will be held after the service on Sunday, April 28, in the Annex. Contact Erin Bosch for more information.

The Prairie Book Club meets on Sunday, April 21, to discuss Men We Reaped by Jesmyn Ward. The Book Club is open to everyone. You do not need to have read the book to attend.

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

Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:15 Bakery Sunday
11:45 Board Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2019

2:30 Ukulele Group in Annex

Friday, April 19, 2019

6:00 Dungeons and Dragons and Subversive Threads in Annex

Sunday, April 21, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:45 Book Club

Thursday, April 25, 2019

2:30 Ukulele Group in Annex

Saturday, April 27, 2019

7:00 Prairie History Book Launch party

Sunday, April 28, 2019

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex
10:00 Service
11:30 Bylaws discussion in Meeting Hall
11:30 Introduction to Prairie in Annex

Thursday, May 2, 2019

2:30 Ukulele Group in Annex
7:00 Program Committee in Annex

Friday, May 3, 2019

6:00 Board Game Night in Meeting Hall

Saturday, May 4, 2019

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

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, April 21, 2019 "Outlawing Jellybeans and Other Injustices," by Prairie's Children's Religious Education Classes.

Join us for a special Easter treat! RE students will perform an interactive play production titled, 'Outlawing Jellybeans & Other Injustices'. Special thanks to Robin Proud & Aidan Small for directing! In this service, based on the story "The Duke Who Outlawed Jellybeans" by Johnny Valentine, a pompous and power-hungry duke is gently put in place by the people in his kingdom. When we use our shared power in the name of love, we can overcome almost any obstacle. Who doesn't love an Easter Pageant?!

Sunday, April 28, 2019 "Encounter with the Divine: Part 2," by Steve Hingle.

This service will be full of ritual designed to shift us into the sacred and open us to the divine using chanting, drumming, and the poetry of Rumi. Please bring percussion instruments if you have them! Prairie member Steve Hingle invites you to see this service as an experiment, and invites you to let go, open up, and see what happens.

Sunday, May 5, 2019 "A Journey from Pastor to Atheist," by Rob Brink.

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.