

**“Pronouns and How to Save a Life”
Abigail Swetz**

August 18, 2019

Order of Service

Prelude: Performed by Dan Proud.

Welcome and Announcements: Jesse Garst

Opening Words: by Brené Brown

“I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship.”

Opening Hymn #1053 (STJ): “How Could Anyone” (Sing 3 times.) Mary Frantz, accompanist

Chalice Lighting: “The Pride Flame,” by Linda Lee Franson.

Story for All Ages: Red, by Michael Hall.

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: “Pronouns and How to Save a Life,” by Abigail Swetz.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

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

Closing Words: by Brené Brown

“We cultivate love when we allow our most vulnerable and powerful selves to be deeply seen and known, and when we honor the spiritual connection that grows from that offering with trust, respect, kindness and affection. Love is not something we give or get; it is something that we nurture and grow, a connection that can only be cultivated between two people when it exists within each one of them – we can only love others as much as we love ourselves. Shame, blame, disrespect, betrayal, and the withholding of affection damage the roots from which love grows. Love can only survive these injuries if they are acknowledged, healed, and rare.”

Greet Your Neighbor

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We will share our offering for the third quarter with the Allied Wellness Center. The Center focuses on health promotion, direct assistance in obtaining medications, bus fare and gas cards to help people get to medical appointments and to jobs. The Center has one half time staff person, a Community Health Liaison/Chaplain whose position is funded by a city grant. The Center depends on donations from churches that make up the Allied Partners and grants to fund its activities. Prairie has been a long time member of Allied Partners.

Pride Festival Tailgate and Celebration at Warner Park! After the service, we will be tailgating at the Madison PRIDE Festival! We'll find a place to park and create a 'home base' for folks who want to check out the festival and hang out in between. Bring tailgating/picnic food and your chairs!

The Prairie Book Club will meet today at 11:45 a.m. in the Annex to discuss Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. All are welcome to attend, even if you haven't read the book.

The Humanist Union will meet on Sunday, September 1, in the Annex. The meeting will begin at noon with a potluck lunch, followed by a presentation by Mary Sommers entitled “Humanitarian Aid is Never a Crime - The Trial of Scott Warren.”

After the service, please help us clean up by:

Returning your hymnal to the cart

Placing your Order of Service on the cart

Tidying up the area around your seat.

And please don't forget to bring a spill-proof mug next week if you'd like coffee or tea. 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.

Calendar

Sunday services meet at Oak Park Place. All other events and meetings will be in the Annex until further notice.

Sunday, August 18, 2019

10:00 Service
11:45 Book Club in Annex
11:45 Board in Annex

Monday, August 19, 2019

9:00 Garden Committee work day

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

11:30 Design Committee

Sunday, August 25, 2019

10:00 Service
11:30 Archive Committee and Communication Committee in Annex

Monday, August 26, 2019

9:00 Garden Committee work day

Sunday, September 1, 2019

10:00 Service
12:00 Humanist Union in Annex

Monday, September 2, 2019

9:00 Garden Committee work day

Thursday, September 5, 2019

7:00 Program Committee

Saturday, September 7, 2019

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast at Grace Episcopal
9:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, September 8, 2019

10:00 Service
11:45 Board in Annex

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Service: "Backpacks and Bags: A Back to School Service"

Welcome back to school!

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Service: Labor Day

A representative from Worker Justice Wisconsin (workerjustice.org) will speak on workers' rights and labor issues in the US.

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Service: Ingathering

Gather together to renew connections at the beginning of the church year.

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Service: "Fact or Fake: News in the Digital Era Part 1," by Renee Deschard.

Prairie's Renee Deschard will help us discern fact from fake in the media.

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Service: "Fact or Fake: News in the Digital Era Part 2," by Renee Deschard.

Renee will continue her discussion on fact versus fake in the media.

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.