

**We Are Many – United Against Hate  
by Masood Akhtar**

**October 27, 2019**

Order of Service

**Prelude:** Performed by Amber Bruns.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Rick Ruecking

**Special Music:** “Wouldn’t It Be Lovely” Sung by Lynn Currie.

**Opening Words:** by Elvis Presley.

“Animals don't hate, and we're supposed to be better than them.”

**\*Opening Song #34 (SLT):** “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire” Amber Bruns, Accompanist.

**Chalice Lighting:** by Douglas John Traversa.

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.

**Story for All Ages:** The Little Bit Scary People by Emily Jenkins illustrated by Alexandra Boiger.

**Singing the Children Out:** by Joyce Poley.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** “We Are Many – United Against Hate,” by Masood Akhtar.

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory**

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**\*Closing Song (Handout):** “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

**Closing Words #475 (SLT):** “We, The Peoples of the United Nations”

**Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

**We will share our offering for the fourth quarter** with “The Street Pulse,” a monthly newspaper sold on the streets of Madison by homeless vendors to provide them some income. It was started in 2005 by a group of people concerned about homelessness. Madison Urban Ministries was an early financial supporter. The newspaper publishes stories and poems by homeless individuals as well as the work of local activists. Sellers purchase their papers for 25 cents apiece and sell them for \$1. The paper is always looking for submissions and advertisers!

**Newcomers are invited** to an Introduction to Prairie on Saturday, November 9, from 9 am until noon. We will meet at the Prairie Annex, next to our main building on Whenona Drive. For further details, contact Erin Bosch, hillfarms2002@yahoo.com, or Deesa Pence, deesalp@icloud.com.

**The Humanist Union** will meet today in the Annex. The meeting starts with a potluck lunch at Noon. Masood Akhtar will join us for a *We Are Many - United Against Hate Q&A* conversation at 12:30, carrying on from his morning presentation.

**The Humanist Union** is also bringing *Journey from Pastor to Atheist* presenter Rob Brink to Prairie's retreat to speak at 11 am on Nov. 2 about "Winnow, sift, simmer: the hidden value of a seminary education" from an atheist perspective. All are invited to attend.

**A memorial open house for Rosemarie Lester** will be held today from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Annex.

**Please take a moment** to pick up around your seat.

**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 unless otherwise noted.

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service  
12:00 Humanist Union in Annex  
3:00 Memorial Open House for Rosemarie Lester

**Friday, November 1, 2019**

5pm Retreat begins at Bethel Horizons

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

8:00 Retreat continues

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

*Daylight Saving Time ends*

10:00 Key Log Ceremony at Bethel Horizons

**Saturday, November 9, 2019**

9:00 Intro to Prairie

**Sunday, November 10, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service  
11:45 Board

**Sunday, November 17, 2019**

10:00 Service

**Sunday, November 24, 2019**

10:00 Service

**Monday, November 25, 2019**

7:00 Program Committee

**Thursday, November 28, 2019**

*Thanksgiving Day*

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service  
12:00 Humanist Union in Annex

**Saturday, December 2, 2019**

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

**Prairie Staff and Board Members**

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Upcoming Services

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

Service: Key Log Ceremony at Bethel Horizons

The service will begin with a Day of the Dead ceremony. We will have bulletin boards to post photographs of family, friends, and beloved pets we've lost, paper for writing letters to them, and space for displaying other mementos. The hope is that many of us will engage each other in conversation around this display and share our memories with each other throughout the weekend.

On Sunday morning after breakfast, we will gather up the letters, adorn ourselves with the flowers, and go together to our fire circle. When we arrive at the fire circle, we'll place our letters on the fire. Names of Prairie members who have passed will be read. A moment of quiet meditation will conclude our celebration of loved ones we've lost.

Then we will shift our focus and our tone to Prairie's traditional Key Log ceremony. To prepare for this ceremony, think about something that was not moving in your life, and how it came to be loosened and freed in the past year.

**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.