

“Why are we here?” by Rachel Long

Order of Service

January 26, 2020

Prelude: Performed by Maria Andre and Mary Frantz.

Welcome and Announcements: Rachel Long

Opening Words: by Daniel Budd.

Come, come to this place, whoever you are:
Wanderer, worshipper, lover of learning,
All seekers after what is true,
All who seek a community of compassion & diversity
Come, come to this place, whoever you are:
Though you've broken your vows a thousand times
And you're too busy and you don't have the time
Come, come to this place, whoever you are:
Lovers of wisdom, lovers of humanity, lovers of beauty,
Come to this place where a Love we do not make
Surrounds us and lifts us and nurtures us,
Come, come to this place, whoever you are:
Ours is not a community of despair, but of hope,
Not a place of judging, but of thanksgiving,
Not a place of certainty, but of searching.
Come, come to this place, whoever you are,
Come, yet again, come.

Chalice Lighting: by Beatrice Hitchcock.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of Unitarian
Universalism.
It is an everlasting flame for this community.
It offers its warmth to those who are cold.
It provides light to those who would see.
It purifies and transforms this sanctuary into sacred
space,
this congregation into sacred community.
May its flame burn true and high and strong.

Story for all Ages: Penguin and Pinecone by Salina Yoon.
Read by Renee Deschard.

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

Moment of Silence

Presentation: “Why are we here?” by Rachel Long.

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

***Hymn #16 (Handout):** “’Tis a Gift to Be Simple” Aileen
Nettleton, accompanist

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

We are sharing our offering this quarter with the Tenant Resource Center. The agency provides information, education, and access to conflict resolution for both renters and landlords. They offer an Eviction Clinic which provides information about legal rights and liabilities, housing assistance if someone is evicted, financial assistance with payment agreements with landlords, and limited rent payment assistance to large families facing eviction. Homeless services are also available such as locating housing, limited case management, eviction prevention and rapid rehousing. Volunteers are much needed and trained and used as housing counselors, mediators and office assistants.

Parish Meeting today! We will continue our discussion about the role of a minister at Prairie. The Program Committee has scheduled a shortened service to leave more time for discussion during the meeting. Please have your voice heard and attend!

The Humanist Union has suspended their meetings until the Meeting House has reopened.

MidAmerica Regional Assembly will be held on April 18 in Rockford, IL, just an hour away! The keynote speaker will be Taquiena Boston, Special Advisor to the UUA President for Institutional Inclusion, Equity, and Change. See www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020 for more information.

Please take a moment to help us clean up by:
--returning your hymnal to the cart
--returning your Order of Service to the cart
--and tidying 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, January 26, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6
10:00 Short Service
10:45 *Parish Meeting*

Saturday, February 1, 2020

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

Sunday, February 2, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6
10:00 Service: "The Return of the Light – An Imbolc Celebration Honoring Margot Adler"

Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6
10:00 Service: "The Five Love languages"
11:45 Board meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

2:00 Archives Committee

Saturday, February 15, 2020

9:00 Prairie UU Parents

Sunday, February 16, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6
10:00 Service: "An Introduction to the Work that Reconnects"

Sunday, February 23, 2020

8:45 Choir rehearsal
10:00 OWL Grades 4-6
10:00 Service

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, February 2, 2020

"The Return of Light - An Imbolc Celebration Honoring Margot Adler"

Come join us on Imbolc! In honor of Wiccan priestess and author, Margot Adler, we'll "light" candles, sing songs, and dream of warmer days to celebrate this mid winter pagan festival.

Sunday, February 9, 2020

"The Five Love Languages," presented by Robin Proud and Renee Deschard.

Robin and Renee will lead a service discussing the book The Five Love Languages: The Secret to Love that Lasts by Gary Chapman.

Sunday, February 16, 2020

"An Introduction to the Work that Reconnects," by Dr. Penny Andrews.

Dr. Penny Andrews & Sunshine Jones, (founding members of James Reeb UUC), have studied The Work That Reconnects by Joanna Macy. This introduction will cover Vulnerability, Uncertainty, Complexity and Anxiety, (VUCA) and the language to access our wisdom in these times of crises. The Work that Reconnects deepens and strengthens our sense of community with others.

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.