

Order of Service: May 23rd, 2021
Spring Parish Meeting

Note: This service will be recorded Reader: Barb P. Zoom helper: Renee & Dan K.

Opening Music: SLT #21 For the Beauty of the Earth, performed by Jess Huetteman

Welcome and Announcements:

Rachel Long

Chalice Lighting by Judith L. Quarles

At this hour, in small towns and big cities, in single rooms and ornate sanctuaries (outside & on Zoom), many of our sibling Unitarian Universalist congregations are also lighting a flaming chalice.

As we light our chalice today, let us remember that we are part of a great community of faith.

May this dancing flame inspire us to fill our lives with the Unitarian Universalist ideals of love, justice and truth.

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages: <u>The Very Last Castle</u>, by Travis Jonker and illustrated by Mark Pett

Parish Meeting Agenda

- 1. Review of the process for this meeting
- 2. Elections for Board and Nominating Committee

Secretary - Dan Proud (2nd term)

Treasurer - Suzanne Gernandt

At Large Board Member - Penny Eiler

Nominating Committee Members -

Kent Wenger (2nd term)

Heidi Hughes (1st term)

- 3. Building update
- 4. Gathering in person
- 5. Minister update
- 6. Religious Exploration plans
- 7. Finance update
- 8. Approve Minutes from previous Parish

Closing Words: Community Means Strength by Starhawk

We are all longing to go home to some place we have never been—a place half-remembered and half-envisioned

we can only catch glimpses of from time to time. Community.

Somewhere, there are people to whom we can speak with passion

without having the words catch in our throats.

Somewhere a circle of hands

will open to receive us, eyes will light up as we enter, voices will celebrate with us whenever we come into our own power.

Community means strength

that joins our strength to do the work that needs to be done.

Arms to hold us when we falter.

A circle of healing.

A circle of friends.

Someplace where we can be free.

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.

We are sharing our **Offering** this quarter with the **Willma's Fund.** Created by Donald Haar aka Willma Flynn-Stone in 2011, Willma's Fund provides assistance to homeless members of the LGBTQ community residing in Dane County and is a program of OutReach LGBT Community

Meetings
9. Accept Committee Reports
10. Adjourn

Center. Click **Give** on the Prairie UU website https://uuprairie.org/

Upcoming Events

Monday Prairie Study Group 7pm (hiatus for the summer, normally 2nd & 4th Mondays)

Discussing "How to Be an Anti-Racist" by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi.

Join by computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88309002767
Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 883 0900 2767

Thursday Fun 6:30pm

ALL are welcome. Activities may include read alouds, show & tell, virtual hide & seek, talent shows, pet demonstrations, sing-a-longs, or general tomfoolery. Actually, the tomfoolery is guaranteed. Hope to see you there! Fun usually ends by 7pm

Join by computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84638913138

Prairie Sing Along (2nd and 4th Thursdays) 7pm

Join us for our Sing Along! We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Music and lyrics are displayed on the screen. Visitors and guests are always welcome!

Join by computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83721450396 Join by phone: 1(312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 837 2145 0396

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons (advanced group) (every Friday) 4:30pm

This group is open to both Prairie members and non-members who have DND experience and know how to create a character, best for ages 12 & up. You can start in the middle of an adventure or email the Dungeon Master (DM) Harlan.d.s512 (at) gmail.com if you want to know when a new adventure is starting. Bring a character, paper, pencil, and physical or virtual dice. Feel free come to the Zoom and let the group know you're just there to hang. You can give moral support to the players or just listen to/watch the quest unfold.

Join by computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81808854406

Virtual Dungeons and Dragons (beginners group) (every Saturday) noon

Looking for a fun way to get social with friends? Well, this is the group for you! No prior experience necessary though a camera & microphone will be required for full participation. This group is open to anyone! Ages 9 & up will be most comfortable.

Join by computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775992109

5/30 10am "A Year into the Pandemic - Reflecting on Loss, Healing and Resilience" by Christine Milovani

The intention of this presentation is to remember and honor the various losses during the COVID pandemic. We collectively have experienced an enormous amount of change and loss, and we have also demonstrated resilience. In this past year, we have lived through the pandemic while also managing our responses to increasing political tension and racially targeted violence. This presentation will be an experiential and interactive space to reflect, to breathe, to feel, to share, and to offer support as a community.

Click here to join!

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