

**“Lessons Yet to Learn” by Rev. Matt Aspin**

**Order of Service**  
**August 29, 2021**

**Prelude:** “Prelude in D Major BWV 850,” by J S Bach, performed by Amber.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Renee Deschard

**Chalice Lighting:** “Drawn Together” by Jennifer Gracen.

We come together every week  
Bound not by a creed,  
Or a mutual desire to please one God  
Or many Gods  
Yet we are drawn together  
By a belief, that how we are in the world,  
Who we are together  
Matters.  
We light this chalice,  
together in the knowledge  
That love, not fear, can change this world

**Opening Song #128 (SLT):** “For All That Is Our Life”

**Reading:** An excerpt from, “The Courage to Covenant” by Rev. Kimberlee Debus.

**Joys and Concerns and Welcome Visitors**

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** “Lessons Yet to Learn” by Rev. Matt Aspin. This presentation relates to the 6<sup>th</sup> Principle.

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** “Fugue in D major BWV 850” by J S Bach.

**Closing Song #131 (SLT):** “Love Will Guide Us”

**Closing Words:** “Fitted for This Day” by Kimberly Quinn Johnson

*“We are the ones we have been waiting for.” are the words of June Jordan in “Poem for South African Women,” which she presented at the U.N. on August 9, 1978.*

**Greet Your Neighbor**

*The audio of this service is being recorded for those who are unable to attend today.*

**Announcements**

**We are sharing our Offering with the Allied Wellness Center.** The Wellness Center is a neighborhood Center with the purpose of promoting health and wellness of the mind, body and spirit of people living in the Allied, Belmar and Dunn’s Marsh neighborhoods. Through a philosophy of care and respect, we encourage participation and leadership to build a strong community. The Wellness Center connects people with important health resources and programs. Through a strong sense of community, and by encouraging everyone to make healthy choices, holistic wellness becomes available for all.

**Parish Meeting today after the service!** We will be voting on a one word change to the bylaws. We are hoping to keep the meeting short!

**Study Group Begins in September!** After a summer hiatus, Prairie’s Study Group will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The September meetings will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We’ll be discussing the book Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Heidi Hughes will lead the discussion. “Robin Wall Kimmerer has written an extraordinary book, showing how the factual, objective approach of science can be enriched by the ancient knowledge of the indigenous people. It is the way she captures beauty that I love the most [...].”—Jane Goodall. This novel won many awards.

**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, August 29, 2021**

10:00 Service  
11:15 *Parish Meeting*

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

6:00 New Member Orientation

**Friday, September 3, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, September 4, 2021**

10:00 PrairieWOW  
4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

**Friday, September 10, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

10:00 Service  
12:00 New Member Orientation

**Monday, September 13, 2021**

7:00 Study Group

**Friday, September 17, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

10:00 Service

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

**Friday, September 24, 2021**

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

### Prairie Staff and Board Members

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### Upcoming Services

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

“Labor in the Pulpits / On the Bimah / In the Minbar” by Rebecca Meier-Rao

In this presentation, Worker Justice Wisconsin (WJW) lifts up the voices, experiences and causes of all those who labor in our community, especially low-wage and immigrant workers. We talk about the many challenges and successes the workers WJW partnered with during the previous year experienced, and draw from faith traditions to advocate for these and all workers. This is related to the 1st UU Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

Ingathering

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

“Unitarian, Suffragist, and Black” by Frances E. W. Harper.

Few of us have heard of Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, the leading Black poet of the 19th century, a novelist and essayist, a fighter for abolition, temperance and women’s suffrage. She chose to join the Unitarian church as an adult because it supported her aspirations for the country. The first full biography of this important figure has just been published to help us uncover her story.

### **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.