

“Healing Spaces,” by Rev. Matt Aspin

Order of Service
September 12, 2021

Prelude: Adagio, from Opus 13 by Beethoven, performed by Karlos Moser.

Welcome and Announcements

Chalice Lighting: “On the Brink,” by Leslie Takahashi.

All that we have ever loved
And all that we have ever been
Stands with us on the brink
Of all that we aspire to create:
A deeper peace,
A larger love,
A more embracing hope,
A deeper joy in this life we share.

Opening Music #124 (SLT): “Be That Guide”
Lyrics projected on screen. Please do not sing.

Reading: A selection from “Widening the Circle of Concern,”
a Report of the UUA Commission on Institutional Change.

Joys and Concerns and Welcome Visitors

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Healing Spaces,” by Rev. Matt Aspin.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Bagatelle #1, from Opus 126 by Beethoven

Closing Words: “It is Our Journey Together,” by Debra Haffner.

We are on a journey.
We didn’t plan it.
We didn’t have time for the bread to rise.
We may find ourselves in the wilderness, hungry, thirsty,
Doubting that we should have ever come.
But look around:
We are not alone.
It is our journey together:
A journey to our better selves,
A journey to a better world,
A journey to a more promised land.

Closing Music: “Love is Love,” by Abbie Betinis, music by Johann Pachelbel, performed by the First Universalist Church in Minneapolis choir (including Patty Stockdale, Mary Mullen, and Morris Sadicario).

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.

Study Group Begins in September! After a summer hiatus, Prairie’s Study Group will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The September meetings will be on the 13th and 27th. We’ll be discussing the book Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmereras. Heidi Hughes will lead the discussion.

Would you like to be on the Committee on Ministry? The Committee on Ministry will work with the board, minister, congregation and other committees with the goals of strengthening the congregation’s ministry, which is the action we take to fulfill our mission. This committee will evaluate the performance of our minister, and give feedback to our leaders and congregation as a whole as to how to better fulfill our mission, including how we manifest our values within our congregation and in the local and global communities. Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee if you’re interested.

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

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Thursday, September 23, 2021

5:30 Board

Friday, September 24, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, September 25, 2021

10:00 Creativity and Connection

4:40 Duntions&Dragons (beginners)

Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00 Service

Monday, September 27, 2021

7:00 Study Group

Friday, October 1, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, October 2, 2021

10:00 PrairieWOW

4:30 Dungeons&Drgons (beginners)

Sunday, October 3, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, October 8, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, October 9, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Drgons (beginners)

Sunday, October 10, 2021

10:00 Service

Monday, October 11, 2021

7:00 Study Group

Friday, October 15, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, October 16, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Drgons (beginners)

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

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.

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Building Dedication

Please join us for our building dedication!

Indoor service: 2010 Whenona Drive Madison (masks required ages 2 and up)

Childcare: Prairie's children and youth are meeting outdoors in Prairie's yard or going to Marlborough Park. Masks required ages 2 and up. Under 2, stay with parent or caregiver. Sign children in at the Crawford Street entrance to our meeting house, starting at 9:50

Sunday, October 10, 2021

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Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in humanrelations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.