

“Evoking Spiritual Experience in Our Lives” by Ilene Haykus

Order of Service October 10, 2021

Prelude: “Widmung” by Schumann, performed by Amber

Welcome and Announcements: Barbara Park

Testimonial: Rachel Long, Board President

Chalice Lighting: “Open to Unexpected Answers” by Julianne Lepp

We seek our place in the world
and the answers to our hearts’ deep questions.
As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected
answers.
May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a
community of warmth,
of wisdom,
and welcoming of multiple truths.

Opening Song #95 (SLT): “There Is More Love Somewhere”

There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.
** 2nd verse, replace "love" with hope, 3rd verse peace,
4th verse joy*

Silent Meditation

Presentation: “Evoking Spiritual Experience in Our Lives” by Ilene Haykus

Discussion

Closing Song #1031 (STJ): “Filled with Loving Kindness”

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease.
May I be whole.
** 2nd verse, replace "I" with you, 3rd verse replace "I"
with we*

Closing Words: By Thich Nhat Hanh

At any moment, you have a choice, that either leads you
closer to your spirit or further away from it.

Closing Music: “Malinconia” by Gallastegui, performed by Amber.

Joys and Concerns and Welcome Visitors

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

Announcements

We are sharing this quarter’s offering with The Catalyst Project, a community of up to four single moms and their kids who are experiencing homelessness. In partnership with founders Susan and Anna Donahoe, the families gain access to permanent housing and other support services while living community-style in a house on Madison’s east side. Catalyst is founded on the belief that the wisdom of those who are not well served by society is essential to creating a society that serves all of its people.

The Study Group Continues in October! Prairie’s Study Group meets via Zoom the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. October’s book selection will be *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. The discussion will be led by Pam Gates. Part 1 of the discussion will be on October 11.

Service Auction Sunday, November 7! Have you thought of what you can offer? Please keep covid safety and uncertainty in mind for anything you offer. We expect to have the 2022 auction in March so, for this auction consider items that would be good for the fall and winter months. Please submit items *by October 21* using the form linked on [the front page](#) of Prairie’s website. Contact Chris Porter (finance@uuprairie.org) or Suzanne Gernandt (treasurer@uuprairie.org) with questions.

Parish Meeting 11:00 a.m. October 23 immediately after service. The business of the meeting will be to vote on the Nominating Committee’s recommendation for the member of the Committee on Ministry elected by the congregation. *Our Fall Parish Meeting will be on Sunday, November 21.*

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

Please note that Sunday Services have returned to Zoom.

Sunday, October 17, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, October 22, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, October 23, 2021

10:00 Creativity and Connection

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

Sunday, October 24, 2021

10:00 Service

11:15 Parish Meeting

Monday, October 25, 2021

7:00 Study Group

Friday, October 29, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, October 30, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

Sunday, October 31, 2021

10:00 Service

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

1:00 Rev. Matt Chats

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

7:30 Rev. Matt Chats

Friday, November 5, 2021

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, November 6, 2021

10:00 PrairieWOW

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (beginners)

Sunday, November 7, 2021

10:00 Service Auction

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, October 31, 2021

All Souls Day

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Service Auction

Sunday, November 14, 2021

“What Can You Do About Climate Change?” by Ankur Desai

You have probably heard stories in the news about climate change or global warming. If these stories are all true, what does it mean for the future? Or maybe the stories are exaggerated? Either way, how should we be good stewards of the only planet we've lived on? Solutions to global warming can sound either trivial or downright draconian and expensive. Let's discuss what we know about the science, what it means for ecosystems and society, and why developing climate policy or technological solutions are so difficult. What can you actually do to ensure a healthy, prosperous, sustainable, and just world for all of God's children? I will present some of the basics of climate change and some of our research at UW-Madison on impacts of climate change to Wisconsin forests and wetlands. But most of all, I'd like to use this time to let you hold a discussion and ask all the questions you want about climate change and possible solutions.

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 human relations;
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.