

Wishes for the New Year

Order of Service

January 2, 2022

Prelude: "Greensleeves," English folk song by Richard Jones, performed the Orchid Quartet.

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Matt Aspin

Opening Song #350 (SLT): "The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time," words by John Andrew Storey, musical adaptation by Harry Burleigh, performed by the First Universalist's Choir.

Chalice Lighting: by Katie Gelfand

We call forth the life of our faith by igniting our chalice.
This spark of new beginnings invites us into a sacred space
to reflect where we have been and where we are going.
Even knowing that this particular flame will intentionally end
with our ritual extinguishing, we fear not its end...
For we know, with brave hearts,
that from every ending of our lives,
We are sent forth to make a new beginning.

Silent Meditation

Reading: "What the Fire Gives," by Jan Richardson.

Presentation: Wishes for the New Year

Closing Words #544 (SLT): "New Year's Day," by Kathleen McTigue.

Closing Music: "Y Gelynnen (The Holly Tree)," by Dan Proud, Frank Siegle and their folk group "Woad".

Joys and Concerns; Welcome Guests and Visitors

This service is being recorded for those who are unable to attend today.



Announcements

We are sharing this quarter's offering with "The Street Pulse," a monthly newspaper sold on the streets of Madison by homeless vendors to provide them some income. Madison Urban Ministries was an early financial supporter. The newspaper publishes stories and poems by homeless individuals as well as the work of local activists. Sellers purchase their papers for 25 cents apiece and sell them for \$1.

The Study Group Continues in January! Prairie's Study Group will meet via Zoom the 2nd Monday in January (Jan. 10) to discuss the book The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates. February's selection is Behind the Kitchen Door by Saru Jayaraman, led by Katrina Thompson.

PrairieWOW will meet on January 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Please note the change in date.

Join Rev. Matt Wednesday, January 12 at 1:00pm or 7:30 pm, for Matt's Chats! Matt's Chats offer a space where Prairie Members can drop in to touch base, develop new connections, and potentially have some interesting discussions along the way.

No long term commitment required, just a desire to connect, share a bit of your story, and maybe even learn a thing or two.

Find the link to Rev. Matt's Chats on Prairie's website.

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, January 2, 2022

10:00 Service

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7:00 Tuesday Trivia

Friday, January 7, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, January 8, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:00 Service

Monday, January 10, 2022

7:00 Study Group

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats

7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

Friday, January 14, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Sunday, January 16, 2022

10:00 Service

Tuesday, January 20, 2022

5:30 Board

Friday, January 21, 2022

4:30 Dungeons&Dragons (advanced)

Saturday, January 22, 2022

10:00 Creativity and Connection

Sunday, January 23, 2022

10:00 Service

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

1:00 Rev. Matt's Chats

7:30 Rev. Matt's Chats

Prairie Staff and Board Members

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Buddhism by Lisa Glick

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Service

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Service



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.