

“Good Grief,” by Rev. Matt Aspin.

Order of Service
February 27, 2022

Prelude: “Menuet,” by Telemann, performed by Amber.

Welcome and Announcements: Rachel Long

Opening Music: “Tarantella,” by Pieczonka, performed by Amber.

Chalice Lighting: “In This Time of Loss,” by David Breeden.

In this time of loss
In this time of asking why
We light a flame of sharing
We light a flame of commitment.

In this time of why
We light this flame
Sign of our searching
Sign of our sharing
Sign that together we remember
Together we ask why
Together in sadness and joy
We share light.

Together we celebrate
What we are together.

Silent Meditation

Reading: “The Cure for Sorrow,” by Jan Richardson.

Because I do not know any medicine for grief but to let ourselves grieve. Because I do not know any cure for sorrow but to let ourselves sorrow. Because I do not know any remedy but to let the heart break, to let it fall open, then to let it fall open still more. Because I do not know how to mend the unmendable, unfixable, unhealable wound that keeps finding itself healed as we tend it, as we follow the line of it, as we let it lead us on the path it knows. Because I do not know any solace but to give ourselves into the love that will never cease to find us, that will never loose its hold on us, that will never abandon us to the sorrow for which it holds the cure.

Special Music: “I Will Follow You Into The Dark,” by Death Cab for Cutie, performed by Rachel Long, Lynn Currie, and Dan Proud.

Presentation: “Good Grief,” by Rev Matt Aspin.

Discussion

Closing Words:

“Be the things you loved most about the people who are gone.” -Unknown

Closing Music: “Hope Comes,” by The Bengsons.

Joys and Concerns; Welcome Guests and Visitors

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

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.

Announcements



We are sharing our Offering this quarter with the **Tenant Resource Center** which is dedicated to promoting positive relations between rental housing consumers (tenants) and providers (landlords) by providing information and referrals, education about rental rights and responsibilities, and access to conflict resolution.

The Study Group Continues in March! Prairie's Study Group will meet via Zoom the 2nd Monday in March (March 14) to discuss the book Let the Record Show by Sarah Schulman, led by Rachel Long.

April 2022: Colonize This! Young Women of Color on Today's Feminism edited by Daisy Hernandez and Bushra Rehman.

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates to fill some key positions. We encourage you to please consider deepening your connection to Prairie by serving in one of these roles. The openings are President, At-Large Board Member, Youth Board Member, and Nominating Committee Member. If you are interested in filling one of these openings, please contact the [Nominating Committee](#).

Save the Dates!

Prairie Auction: April 3rd!

Retreat: April 29th-May 1st

Stay tuned for additional details about these 2 exciting events!

You can find Prairie's event calendar [here](#).

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, March 6, 2022

"Imagining the Next Normal of the Coronavirus Pandemic" by Ajay Sethi

Two years ago, Wisconsin was faced with the threat of widespread community transmission of a novel coronavirus, leading to the Safer at Home order and a period of uncertainty and anxiety for everyone. Since then, safe and effective vaccines to prevent the worst outcomes of Covid have helped society endure multiple waves of the pandemic fueled by newer variants of SARS-CoV-2. Today, we still live with much uncertainty but greater wisdom as we face the future of the pandemic. In this talk, we will explore what living with the pandemic will look like moving forward. This is sponsored by Badgertalks.

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Daylight Saving Time begins
Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, March 20, 2022

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Sunday, March 27, 2022

"Healthcare and Homelessness," by Matt Julian.

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Auction

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.