

“Reconvening,” by Rev. Matt Aspin.

Order of Service

March 13, 2022

Prelude: “Recercada Segunda,” by Ortiz, performed by Amber.

Welcome and Announcements: Barbara Chatterton

Opening Music: #361 (SLT): “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

Chalice Lighting: “Like the First Hint of Green,” by Jennifer McGlothlin.

As the first hint of green begins to peek through the barren ground

As that little sprig grows into a healthy stem

As that stem grows into a stalk and forms a bud

As that bud slowly opens with each new day

To form a yellow daffodil

Let us be, like that first hint of green, renewed by the warm of the sun’s rays

And ready to emerge with a new energy, ready to face the day.

We light this chalice to bring a glimmer of that warmth into our space.

Story for All Ages: Will There Be a Lap for Me? By Dorothy Corey, Illustrations by Nancy Poydar.

Childrens Recessional: by Joyce Poley

As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.

Go in joy, go in joy!

May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.

Go in love, go in love.

Reading: “Old Friends,” by Freya Manfred.

Old friends are a steady spring rain, or late summer sunshine edging into fall, or frosted leaves along a snowy path— a voice for all seasons saying, I know you. The older I grow, the more I fear I’ll lose my old friends, as if too many years have scrolled by since the day we sprang forth, seeking each other. Old friend, I knew you before we met. I saw you at the window of my soul— I heard you in the steady millstone of my heart grinding grain for our daily bread. You are sedimentary, rock-solid cousin earth, where I stand firmly, astonished by your grace and truth. And gratitude comes to me and says: “Tell me anything and I will listen. Ask me anything, and I will answer you.”

Silent Meditation

Special Music #1009 (STJ): “Meditation on Breathing,” performed by Amber, Ron Frye, Dan Proud, Mary Mullen, Rachel Long, Nancy Wunderlin, Orange Schroeder, and Barb Park.

Presentation: “Reconvening,” by Rev. Matt Aspin.

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Dido,” by Jeff Jarvis, performed by Amber.

Closing Words: “The Hand in Yours,” by Erika A. Hewitt.

Invite the congregation to join hands.

The hand in yours belongs to a person

whose heart is sometimes tender,

whose skin is sometimes thin,

whose eyes sometimes fill with tears,

and whose laughter is a beautiful sound.

The hand that you hold belongs to a person who is seeking wholeness,

and trusts that you’re doing the same.

As you leave this sanctuary,

may your hearts remain open

may your voices stay strong

and may your hands remain outstretched.

Closing Music #1018 (STJ): “Come and Go with Me”

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.

Our spring auction will be Sunday April 3rd at 10am. Live and in person! The link to submit offered items on the [Service Auction page](#) of the Prairie website. Also, here is a link Auction Item Submission Form . What exciting, useful, tasty, fun things can you offer?

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](#).

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

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, March 27, 2022

"Healthcare and Homelessness," by Matt Julian.

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Auction

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Service

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Service by Gary Gates

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Retreat April 29 to May 1

Key Log Ceremony as part of the Prairie Retreat

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Service

Sunday, May 15, 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.