

May Day

Order of Service

May 8, 2022

Prelude: "Song for Anna" by Dan Proud, performed by Dan Proud and Nancy Wunderlin.

Welcome and Announcements: Robin Proud

Opening Music: SLT #409 "Sleep My Child", accompanied by Dan and Nancy.

Chalice Lighting: by Lyn Cox

Creative spirit, source of life and love:

We give thanks for the beauty of this day and for the company of those assembled here.

Thank you for the breezes of change, clearing our heads and bringing fresh ideas. May they cleanse our minds of the oppressions and isms that divide us.

Thank you for the flame of hope, the heat of righteous anger, the warmth of compassion, and the fire of commitment. May they bubble the cauldrons of transformation.

Thank you for oceans of love, rivers of connection, tears of relief, and pools of serenity. May healing waters flow over us and through us and among us, wearing down the sharp rocks of despair to bring joy in the morning.

Thank you for the good earth beneath us, around us, and within us. May we take this clay and co-create a new realm of justice and beauty.

Thank you for all these and more. We accept our gifts and commit to building, sculpting, painting, singing, and dancing them to life; to abundant life.

So be it. Blessed be. Amen.

Silent meditation

Remarks: Rev. Matt Aspin

Prairie UU Maypole History: Barbara Park

Offering and Offertory: "I Knew This Place" by David Mallett, performed by Dan.

Joys and Concerns: Welcome Guests and Visitors

Maypole Ceremony (outdoors)

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 for this quarter with The Catalyst Project, a small community of up to three single moms and their young kids who have experienced homelessness. Catalyst offers collaborative problem-solving, trauma-informed mentoring, and client-specific therapeutic intervention. The Catalyst Project was founded on the belief that the wisdom of those grossly mistreated by our society and its discriminatory systems is essential to creating a society that serves all of its people.

Spiritual Exploration Group will meet every 2 weeks, on a drop-in basis, with rotating discussion leaders. No preparation or reading is required; it will be an opportunity to quiet our minds, share what's going on in our hearts, experience presence together, and deepen our sense of community. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m. Please join us!

Prairie's Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m. We'll start the day with a short service, then move into meeting. We'll be electing Board and Nominating Committee members along with other business. We'll also have a Parish Meeting Q&A after the service on May 15.

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Join Rev. Matt, Deesa Pence, and Patty Stockdale after Sunday Services May 15 to learn more about Prairie UU Society. We will share information about our church and congregation in a friendly exchange and conversation. Meet us in the foyer near the Welcoming Table by 11:30 am and walk over to the Annex next door. We won't keep you long and will respect your time, so you can get on with your busy day.

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Parish Meeting

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Service

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Bridging Ceremony

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Service

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Service

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Summer Reads

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Service

Sunday, July 10, 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.