

“Real Thoughts about Artificial Intelligence” by Rev. Matt Aspin

Order of Service

May 15, 2022

Prelude: “Overture,” by Bruns, performed by Amber.

Welcome and Announcements: Sonya Sidkey

Opening Music: “Turn the World Around,” words and music by Harry Belafonte, performed by the Prairie Choir.

Chalice Lighting: by Olamina Earthseed from *The Parable of the Sower*

“All that you touch, you change. All that you change changes you. The only lasting truth is change.”

Story for All Ages

Children’s 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.

Silent Meditation

Reading: *What is a Unitarian Universalist?* By Jasper

A Unitarian Universalist is someone who subscribes to the Unitarian belief system, which espouses the view that there is one ultimate truth but that this truth can be expressed in many different ways. Unitarians believe that love is the highest ideal, and they strive to live their lives in accordance with this principle. They believe that love can take many different forms, from the love we feel for our families and friends to the compassion and empathy we feel towards others in need. Unitarian Universalists are committed to promoting love and understanding in their communities, both on an individual level and through organizations like Unitarian churches and community groups. Whether you’re seeking a spiritual path that emphasizes love and compassion or you’re looking for a community of like-minded individuals to connect with, Unitarian Universalism may be right for you.

Presentation: “Real Thoughts about Artificial Intelligence,” by Rev. Matt Aspin

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: “Other Side of the Galaxy,” by Bruns, performed by Amber

Closing Words: *10 Tips for Achieving World Peace* by Jasper

1. Start by smiling more. The world is a happier place when everyone is smiling!
2. Make a resolution to be more understanding and less judgmental of others.
3. Spread the message of peace through your words and actions.
4. Support peace-promoting organizations and causes.
5. Connect with others who share your passion for peace and work together to build a more peaceful world.
6. Stay positive and focused on the good in others, rather than getting caught up in negativity.
7. Work towards building relationships with all people, regardless of differences or disagreements.
8. Channel your frustration into productive activities that can help make the world a better place.
9. Refuse to get caught up in petty arguments and conflicts and focus instead on what really matters.
10. Remember that every small act of peace adds up to help create a more peaceful world for everyone.

Closing Music: SLT# 288 “All Are Architects”

Joys and Concerns: Welcome Guests and Visitors

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.

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.

Stay after the service today for a Q&A session about the Spring Parish Meeting!

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!

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.

Prairie Board Officers and Staff

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Upcoming Services

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

Sunday, July 17, 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.