

Bridging/Transitions Service

Order of Service

June 5, 2022

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

Welcome

Announcements: DRE Alice Mandt

Chalice Lighting: “We Carry This Flame” by Doug Taylor, read by selected children and teachers.

Story for All Ages: The Circles All Around Us by Brad Montague.

Reflective Music/Interlude: “Bourree” by William H. Squire, performed by Luna Small.

Reading: “Receive O Mystery, the Words of our Hearts” by Lindsay Bates.

If prayer worked like magic—if I knew the words that would guarantee prayer’s power—I know what I would pray:

Let life be always kind to our children.
Let sorrow not touch them.
Let them be free from fear.
Let them never suffer injustice,
nor the persecutions of the righteous.
Let them not know the pain of failure –
of a project, a love, a hope, or a dream.
Let life be to them gentle and joyful and kind.

If I knew the formula, that’s what I’d pray.

But prayer isn’t magic, and life will be hard. So I pray for our children—with some hope for this prayer:

May their knowledge of sorrow be tempered with joy.
May their fear be well-balanced by courage and strength.
May the sight of injustice spur them to just actions.
May their failures be teachers, that their spirits may grow.
May they be gentle and joyful and kind.
Then their lives will be magic, and life will be good.

So may it be. Blessed be. Amen.

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Offering and Offertory: Musical slide show with kids’ pictures.

RE Teacher Appreciation

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Closing Words: “Go Boldly” by Jean M. Olson

May you be brave enough to expose
your aching woundedness
and reveal your vulnerability.
May you speak your deepest truths, knowing that they
will change as you do.
May you sing the music within you,
composing your own melody,
playing your song with all your heart.
May you draw, paint, sculpt, and sew,
showing the world your vision.
May you write letters, poetry, biography,
slogans, graffiti, the great novel,
laying bare your words to love and hate.
May you love even though your heart
breaks again and again.
And until the end of your days,
may your life be filled
with possibilities and courage

Recessional Music: #118 (SLT) This Little Light of Mine

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 on Thursday, June 16 at 1:00 p.m. This week's topic is "Gardening as a Spiritual Practice" led by Rev. Matt. 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. Please join us!

Advanced Dungeons and Dragons meets every Friday at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom. This group is open to anyone who has played DND and knows how to create a character. Regular attendance is encouraged to keep up with the current adventure. Contact Peggy Small to be connected with Dungeon Master Harlan.

It's not too late to sign up for UUA General Assembly! This year's GA will held in Portland, OR, and online. It begins on June 22 and ends on June 26. Our participation in GA enriches us personally and builds our congregational knowledge. Prairie has money in our budget to support our members who choose to attend, especially those who are willing to serve as delegates. Please let Dan Klock (admin@uuprairie.org) know if you are attending even if you are not making a request so that we can get attendees in touch with each other.

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Calendar

Friday, June 10, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

Sunday, June 12, 2022

10:00 Service

Thursday, June 16, 2022

1:00 Spiritual Exploration Group

Friday, June 17, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

Sunday, June 19, 2022

10:00 Service

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

UUA GA begins (Portland, OR, and online)

Friday, June 24, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday, June 25, 2022

10:00 Creativity and Connection

Sunday, June 26, 2022

10:00 a.m. Service

UUA GA ends

Thursday, June 30, 2022

1:00 Spiritual Exploration Group

Friday, July 1, 2022

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday, July 2, 2022

10:00 PrairieWOW

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.