

**"Willma's Fund: Working to Address Homelessness and Housing Insecurity among LGBTQ+ people in Dane County" by AJ Hardie**

**Order of Service**

**August 7, 2022**

**Prelude:** "Bourree" from Partita in E Major by Bach, performed by Amber

**Welcome and Announcements:** Rev. Matt Aspin

**Chalice Lighting:** by Linda lee Franson

We light this flame  
to ignite our hearts and minds—  
the spark of knowledge that enlightens,  
the shimmering hope that burns,  
the blazing love that engulfs our actions,  
the bonfire of our commitment.

We light this flame for those  
who celebrate themselves  
who fear  
who hope  
who persevere  
who stand on the side of love for all.

We light this flame  
for those who have been ridiculed,  
that they may find peace;  
for those who have fought to marry,  
that they may celebrate;  
for those who live in uncertainty in the world,  
that they may have hope.

We light this flame  
to renew our commitment  
that no one shall ever again  
suffer for the right to love.

We light this flame  
to celebrate our kaleidoscope of diversity:  
working, loving, and living on the side of love.  
For this, we light this flame.

**Opening Music:** Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear #1029 SLJ (Amber will play once through for us and then we'll start singing)

**Story for All Ages:** Rainbow: A First Book of Pride by Michael Genhart and Anne Passchier.

**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**

**Presentation:** "Willma's Fund: Working to Address Homelessness and Housing Insecurity among LGBTQ+ people in Dane County" by AJ Hardie (he/they)

*2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations*

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** "Rejouissance" by Telemann, performed by Amber

**Closing Words:** by Sen. Tammy Baldwin

"There will not be a magic day when we wake up and it's now okay to express ourselves publicly. We make that day by doing things publicly until it's simply the way things are."

**Closing Music:** #134 SLT Our World is One World

**Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors**

**Greet Your Neighbor**

**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

For the third quarter of 2022, Prairie will share its offertory collection with Wilma's Fund, which provides assessments and assistance to LGBTQ+ people who are experiencing homelessness, as well as support to prevent homelessness in this population. The fund was established in 2011.

Please save the date for Sunday, September 25th for our Building Dedication service followed by a Festive Fall Fair welcoming Prairie folks and the community with open house tours, fun activities, food, and raffle.

The Social Action Committee will meet in the Annex after the service. We'll meet outside, weather permitting, and have snacks if the rules permit. This is our first meeting in a while; if you're considering joining a Prairie committee, come and give us a try!

Prairie's Board of Trustees has changed members beginning July 1! Here's who they are:

**President:** Kathy Converse

**Vice President:** Lynn Currie (continuing)

**Treasurer:** Suzanne Gernandt (continuing)

**Secretary:** Dan Proud (continuing)

**Trustee:** Renee Deschard

**Trustee:** Karen Deaton

**Trustee:** Jon Andrae

### Calendar

**Thursday, August 11, 2022**

1:00 Spiritual Exploration Group

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

10:00 Service by Rev. Matt Aspin

**Friday, August 19, 2022**

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons (advanced)

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

10:00 Service

1:00 Magic Pride Fest

**Thursday, August 25, 2021**

1:00 Spiritual Exploration

**Friday, August 26, 2022**

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, August 27, 2022**

10:00 Creativity and Connection

**Sunday, August 28, 2022**

10:00 Service

**Tuesday, August 30, 2022**

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck

**Friday, September 2, 2022**

4:30 Dungeons and Dragons (advanced)

**Saturday, September 3, 2022**

10:00 PrairieWOW

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

10:00 Service

### Prairie Board Officers and Staff

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### **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.