



"All Souls' Day" by Prairie

Order Of Service - Oct 27th, 2024

Prelude: Dorian Elegy by Frackenpohl, performed by Amber

Welcome: Mary Mullen

Chalice Lighting by Florence Caplow

A full moon rises behind the silhouette of trees
As we kindle this flame, we honor and remember
Those who have passed into the mystery.
Their brightness lives on in our vision;
their courage lives on in our commitments;
and their love continues to bless the world
through us.

Opening Music: #146 SLT "Soon the Day Will Arrive" accompanied by Amber

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "All Souls' Day"

Responsive Reading: #721 SLT "They Are With Us Still" by Kathleen McTigue

Reading of Names of Past Prairie Members

Sharing of Loved Ones who are no longer with us

Offering and Offertory: "Into the West" by Annie Lennox, performed by Amber

Closing Words

On this day of remembrance,
We remember those who are no longer present with us here,
but who remain forever present in our hearts and who live on in our memories.

We embrace those whose sorrow is unmeasurable;
We have no cure for sorrow,
only the comforting love of those who are closest to us.

We honor those in public service, who continue – courageously – to run toward danger on our behalf;
may we be worthy of their courage and sacrifice..

We ask our civic leaders
to always guide us in ways
that promote peace over war,
tolerance over intolerance,
reason over blind passion,
and love over hate.

May all here find peace in their lives,
hope in their days, and comfort in their nights.
Let us go now, with peace, hope, and love in our hearts.

Closing Music: #123 SLT "Spirit of Life" accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

(please return hymnals and Orders of Service to the back hymnal cart)



Announcements

Prairie's 4th Quarter Offertory Sharing is Porchlight's Dwelling Intervention Grants & Sustenance program (DIGS) which provides eviction-prevention counseling and financial assistance to households facing eviction.

Green Sanctuary Congregation

You may recycle oral care products including tooth brushes, empty toothpaste tubes, and empty floss containers in the box on the shelf outside the bathrooms in the Meeting House. It's one of the ways we continue our mission of being a UU Green Sanctuary Congregation.

Prairie's Fall Parish Meeting Sunday, Nov 24th

We'll start with a very short service and then move right into the parish meeting. The agenda and meeting materials will be distributed in November. We'll also have a congregational discussion before the service on Sunday, November 10th to provide an opportunity to ask questions and receive clarification prior to the parish meeting.

Nominating Committee Announcement

The Committee on Ministry has an opening! We need creative people who like to see and work with the big picture and help define our mission and vision for Prairie. A great opportunity! Interested? Please contact Heidi Hughes, or Barbara Frye, or Margit Moses

Prairie WOW Saturday, Nov 2nd

Prairie's women's group, also known as WOW, will meet for breakfast potluck and conversation Saturday morning at 10am in the meeting house. All women connected to Prairie are welcome.

Next Sunday's Service: "Decolonizing Spirituality" by Nandi (Sunita) Nandihalli

This talk will focus on addressing the ways that Western dominant religions have been mechanisms of colonialism, empire, and oppression. This work aims to center "folks who have been wounded by traditional religious systems" and to help people find an authentic connection to the divine that allows them to bring their whole selves, stories, and communities of spiritual practice. We will discuss tools around extracting one's spirituality from forms and structures that were created in tandem with colonialism, capitalism, white supremacy, and other oppressive systems. This presentation is sponsored by Badger Talks. Potluck to follow the service.

Next Sunday in RE: Cook & Learn – South Asian visitors will tell our young people about the Hindu holiday Diwali and help us prepare a treat for Prairie's potluck.

Prairie's 2025 Pledge Drive Continues

Our pledge goal is \$158,000. Thus far, we have received 28 pledges totaling \$86,662. For 2024, we received 59 pledges. We are hoping to receive about 32 more pledges to help us meet our goal. If you haven't pledged before, please consider doing so.

It would be very helpful to have pledges by November 1st. That's coming up fast!

Bring your pledge form to Prairie or return by mail. Or reply through email to Finance Chair, Chris Porter, finance@uuprairie.org