

O, we see the crescent promise
Of the spirit has not set;
Ancient founts of inspiration
Well through all our fancy yet;
And we doubt not through the ages
One increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of all are widened
With the process of the suns.

Yea, we dip into the future,
Far as human eye can see,
See the vision of the world, and
All the wonder that shall be,
Hear the war drum throb no longer,
See the battle flags all furled;
In the parliament of peoples,
Bringing hope to all the world.

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.

DANCING AND BRUNCH

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society Madison, Wisconsin

ORDER OF MEETING

First meeting in the meetinghouse
at 2010 Whenona Drive

January 27, 1980



Prairie Smoke
(*sieversia triflora*)

WELCOME

Aileen Nettleton, President

HYMN:

To cloisters of the spirit
These aisles of quiet lead;
Here shall the vision gladden,
The voice within us plead.

Here be no one a stranger;
No holy cause be banned;
No good for one be counted,
Not good for all the land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC

Prairie Recorder Group

THE ARK

Prairie children and teachers

MEDITATION

MUSIC

Prairie Band and Children

RESPONSIVE READING

(Adapted from Kenneth L. Patton)

This is a house for the ingathering
of nature and of humanity in nature.

It is a house of friendship, a
haven in trouble, an open room
for the encouragement of our
struggle.

It is a house of freedom,
guarding the dignity and worth of
each person.

It offers a platform for the free
voice, for declaring, both in times
of security and danger, the full and
undivided conflict of opinion.

It is a house of truth-seeking, where
the scientist can encourage the devotion
of the quest, and the mystic can abide in
the fellowship of searchers.

It is a house of art, adorning its
celebrations with the melodies and
handiwork of humanity.

It is a house of prophecy, outrunning
times past and times present in visions
of growth and progress.

This house is a cradle for our dreams
and the workshop of our common endeavor.

DISCUSSION

The uses of a meeting house

HYMN:

Not in vain the distance beckons,
Forward, forward let us range,
Let the great world spin forever
Down the ringing grooves of change;
Through the shadow of the globe we
Sweep ahead to heights sublime.
We, the heirs of all the ages
In the foremost files of time.