

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

August 29, 1993

"Singing the Living Tradition"
A Celebration of the 1993 UU Hymnbook
Led by Doleta Chapru

During our celebration please take special note of the poets and composers listed at the bottom of the first page of each song or at the end of each reading. Contributors from the UU tradition are marked with a chalice.

Words of Welcome

Julia Bonser, Prairie UU President

"You That Have Spent the Silent Night"

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Announcements of Unitarian Universalist events.

Julia Bonser

Please check the bulletin board in the back of the meeting room for announcements of other events.

"Sing and Rejoice"

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A Round for Children of All Ages

Words in italics are from the Unitarian Universalist Principles adopted in 1985.

Please read them in unison as they appear in the order of service.

*We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association,
covenant to affirm and promote:*

*The inherent worth and dignity of every person
Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.
Acceptance of one another and encouragement
to spiritual growth in our congregations;
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
within our congregations and in society at large;
The goal of world community with peace,
liberty, and justice for all;
Respect for the interdependent web of all existence
of which we are a part.*

Lighting of the Chalice "Source of the Light Expanding"

Doleta Chapru

Choral Presentation

Prairie UU Choir

"The Lone Wild Bird"

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"I Walk the Unfrequented Road"

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Directed by Barbara Park

Excerpts from "Beyond Sexist Language"

David B. Parke

Editorial in the UU World, August 15, 1983

Readers: Randall Converse, Lili Sandler, Doleta Chapru

"Oh What a Piece of Work Are We"

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The living tradition we share draws from many sources: Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;

"Singer of Life"

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Choral Presentation

"Where Gentle Tides Go Rolling By"

Prairie UU Choir

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"Seek Not Afar For Beauty"

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The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;

Reading the Living Tradition

"A Lifelong Sharing" (Women in Unison)

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"Love is Not Concerned" (Women in Unison)

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"A Person will Worship Something" (Men in Unison)

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"Prophets" (Men read bold print, Women read italics)

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The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;

"O Young and Fearless Prophet" Verses 1 & 4,

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"O Sing Hallelujah" Verses 1 & 2,

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accompanied by George and Ruth Calden

"Allelu, Allelu"

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The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.

"Knowledge, They Say"

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Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations, we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

Comforting and rejoicing

We invite members, friends and visitors to share personal events with the Prairie community.

Introduction of Guests and Newcomers

Guests and newcomers are welcome to introduce themselves, or be introduced, and to remain after the service to visit with members of the congregation.

"Here We Have Gathered" Verse 1,

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Additional hymnbook contributions are welcome.