

ORDER OF SERVICE
PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
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*** Please stand as you are able.**

It was once considered stupid to think that colored men were really human and must be treated humanely. This stupidity has become a truth. Today it is thought an exaggeration to state that a reasonable ethic demand constant consideration for all living things down to the lowliest manifestations of life.

- Albert Schweitzer, 1923

We are like the Abolitionists, who are regarded as radicals, too. And we hope that a hundred years from now people will look back on the way animals are treated now with the same horror as we do when we look back on the slave trade.

- Anonymous participant in a raid by the Animal Front, 1984

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO GATHER

The Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler

UNISON CHALICE LIGHTING

Written by Eric Heller-Wagner

BLESSED IS THE FIRE THAT BURNS DEEP IN THE SOUL. IT IS THE FLAME OF THE HUMAN TOUCHED INTO BEING BY THE MYSTERY OF LIFE. IT IS THE FIRE OF REASON; THE FIRE OF COMPASSION; THE FIRE OF COMMUNITY; THE FIRE OF JUSTICE; THE FIRE OF FAITH. IT IS THE FIRE OF LOVE BURNING DEEP IN THE HUMAN HEART; THE DIVINE GLOW IN EVERY LIFE.

*OPENING HYMN #347 "GATHER THE SPIRIT"

CONNECTING

*FELLOWSHIP RESPONSIVE READING "A USER'S GUIDE TO THE CHURCH" (insert)

- Written by Rev. David E. Baumbaugh

JOYS AND CONCERNS

FELLOWSHIP'S SUNG RESPONSE - HYMN # 391 " VOICE STILL AND SMALL "

CHILDREN'S STORY

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY (offeratory)

EXPLORING

READINGS

Read by The Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler

HYMN # 123 "SPIRIT OF LIFE"

SERMOM

"EXTENDING EQUALITY BEYOND HUMANITY"

The Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler

EULOGY OF BESTIARY - read by

Written by Joanna Macy

FELLOWSHIP DIALOGUE

RECONNECTING

*FELLOWSHIP UNISON PRAYER "SPIRIT OF LOVE" (insert) written by Barbara Deming

CLOSING

*CLOSING HYMN #203, " ALL CREATURES OF THE EARTH AND SKY "

*CLOSING WORDS

From The Rev. Jacqueline Ziegler

* EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE FLAME

POSTLUDE

