

**Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society
Sunday, August 13, 2000**

**Experiencing Prairie:
Reflections on What Brought Us Here and What Keeps Us Here**

Prelude - Ruth Calden

Welcome

Chalice Lighting and Minute of Silent Meditation

- to our efforts to bring others to experience the joy and support we have experienced at Prairie, to our common sense in how to bring up the subject to others, and to the sense of humor we Unitarian Universalists value in our religion

Song - "Gathered Here," p. 389 in **Singing the Living Tradition**, as a round

Joys & Concerns

The Service - presented by Erin Bosch and Mary Mullen

Song - "I Love to Tell the Story," p. 109. **Prairie Song Book**

Pair Story-Telling

Open Discussion about how to be most welcoming to new people who attend

Offertory

Introduction of Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Song - "Long Time Friends," p. 104, **Prairie Song Book**

Closing Words

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*Please note and use the checklist "Living Our Principles" on the back of this program.

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As Unitarian Universalists, we affirm and promote,

The worth and dignity of each person / that everyone is important

- I greeted a new person at Prairie this year, a child, youth or adult.
- I learned someone's name.

To treat each person fairly and kindly

- I showed patience with myself or another person.

That each person is on a journey to truth and meaning

- I went to another church for a Sunday service, a class, or a meeting
- I read a book that challenged my thinking.
- I discussed my spiritual journey, and shared my experience and/or feelings with another person.

That church is a place to grow together

- I spent time at Prairie for a social event, community outreach, or a meeting.
- I spent time listening to another Prairie person's concerns and offered kind words.
- I admitted to someone at Prairie that I had been wrong about something and set my mind to learn from my mistake

That everyone has a vote in things that matter to them

- I listened to people around me who hold different views and tried to understand their points.
- I helped decide something important in my group or committee.

To work for a peaceful, fair and free world

- I helped two or more people come to an agreement on a matter where initially they could see no compromise.
- I attended a class, discussion, or service knowing that my views might be very different than those of the others present.
- I practiced loving all people by loving each person here even though we have different ways of thinking, acting, and feeling.
- I prayed for someone I was having a hard time interacting with or understanding.

The interdependent web of which we are a part

- I practiced good stewardship with the earth, plants, animals, and others.
- I participated in a recycling program.
- I invited a friend to church.

Adapted by Mary Mullen from a litany from Joanne Giannino, Director of Religious Education, First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist, Bridgewater, MA