

# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Consulting Minister

**Sunday, May 27, 2007**

Prelude: "Flowers of the Forest"—Doleta Chapru

Welcome—Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words:

*We gather together this morning to honor and understand our lives.  
We gather together this morning to honor and and remember those  
who have gone to war and those who have gone to war and not  
returned home. We bring our pasts and would share them, our  
thoughts and our hopes.*

*We use words, song, instrumentation and silence. Words cannot  
define our lives, but they enable us to reach out to each other, to tell  
and to listen, that we may share our stories, be renewed, connected,  
and uplifted.*

\*STJ Hymn #1008 "When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place"

Chalice Lighting (to be followed by quiet moment)

*For Memorial Day*

In honor of all those who have given and to those who have given  
their all, in recognition of the gifts and sacrifices they have made  
on our behalf, and in our sincere hopes that we may be worthy of  
their memory and devotion, we light our chalice and give our  
thanks.

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

## Responsive Reading SLT #720—We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

*In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.*

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

*In the blueness of the sky & in the warmth of summer, we remember them.*

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.*

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

*When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.*

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

*So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,  
as we remember them.*

—Roland B. Gittelsohn (adapted)

Presentation: "Giving "the Last Full Measure of Devotion"

—Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Discussion

Offering

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements (also read the attached announcements)

\*Closing Hymn: "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?

Closing Words: Let us remember the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces, and we hope for their safe return.

We also acknowledge that there are women and men who will not return; we grieve their dying, we honor their service and their sacrifice.

Let us this Memorial Day remember and acknowledge loss as we remember those whom we have loved and lost. As our love grows stronger, as our hope grows deeper, as our yearning for peace spreads out across the land—may our courage grow to make it an everlasting peace.

*\*Stand as you are able.*

So may it be.

Postlude "The Ashokan Farewell" by Jay Unger

### Where Have All the Flowers Gone by Pete Seeger & Joe Hicke

1. Where have all the flowers gone? - long time passing  
Where have all the flowers gone? - long time ago  
Where have all the flowers gone? - girls have picked them every one  
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?
2. Where have all the young girls gone?.. long time passing  
Where have all the young girls gone? ... long time ago  
Where have all the young girls gone? they've taken husbands every one  
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?
3. Where have all the young men gone? - long time passing  
Where have all the young men gone? long time ago  
Where have all the young men gone? gone for soldiers every one  
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?
4. Where have all the soldiers gone? - long time passing  
Where have all the soldiers gone? long time ago  
Where have all the soldiers gone? gone to graveyards every one  
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?
5. Where have all the graveyards gone? -long time passing  
Where have all the graveyards gone? - long time ago  
Where have all the graveyards gone? - gone to flowers every one  
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?

Welcome to Prairie. We are glad that you are here. Please join us for a picnic following the service. Our presenter today is our minister, Rev. Ralph Tyksinski and our musician is Doleta Chapru.

## Calendar

### **Wednesday, May 30**

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal at Prairie

### **Saturday, June 2**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prairie Work Day II

### **Sunday, June 3**

10:00 a.m. Transition Service

12:00 noon. Humanist Union potluck and program led by Andy Somers

### **Monday, June 4**

7:30 p.m. Membership and Hospitality Committee meeting

### **Wednesday, June 6**

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal at Prairie

### **Sunday, June 10**

9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. "Summertime Is Coming" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

11:30 a.m. Book Club discusses *Eats, Shoots and Leaves*

### **Sunday, June 17**

10:00 a.m. "Another View of Iran" presented by Bonnie and Bob Block

### **Wednesday-Sunday, June 20-24**

UUA General Assembly, Portland, Oregon

### **Friday-Sunday, July 6-8**

Summer Spree at Prairie

## Announcements

**Prairie Choir:** There will be no choir rehearsal next Sunday, June 3. The Prairie Choir will have its last rehearsal of the season on Sunday, June 10. Rehearsals will resume in the fall.

**Lawn mowing:** We depend upon the kindness of volunteers for summer mowing. If you are willing to look after the lawn for a two-week period this year, notify Al Nettleton.

**Humanist Union** will meet next on June 3 at noon for potluck and a presentation by Andy Somers on religious propaganda.