

# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, September 23, 2007**

Prelude – *Harvesting Song and Paean*  
(Source: Tibetan Endangered Music Project)

Welcome and Opening Words –  
Rachel Long, Prairie UU President

Let us receive the Spirit as portrayed through the hands and hearts of the artists who create these works which give material expression to the Divine as It lives in humanity. We invoke the Divine Spirit of each artisan; weavers, carvers, and forgers, who keep art filled with that Spirit.

The auspicious song sung by Abi Yangzom of Rupshu, Ladakh, is a prayer to the gods, a metaphor of weaving and fundamental spiritual concepts. As she sings and weaves, it is a demonstration of her faith lived in daily life. So shall it be for each of us.

See the loom as precious,

*That is good.*

See the loom as a lama's shrine room,

*That is good*

See the loom as Buddha's shrine room

*And you will grow.*

The parts of the loom are like a mother with her twelve children, only twelve.

See the loom as religious books,

*That is good.*

See the raising of the heddle while weaving as ascending in this world after death,

*That is good.*

See the lowering of the heddle while weaving as pushing all sin down with your feet,

*That is good.*

Hear the clap of the beater as the voice of Buddha reciting prayers,

*That is good.*

See the balls of weft passing from right to left as the lama's kettle that serves  
tea up and down the monastery hall,  
*That is good.*

See the two pieces of the front roller as the wooden covers of a lama's  
religious book,

*And you will grow. That is good.*

\* Hymn # 22 – *Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design*

Chalice Lighting

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Introduction – Rose Smith

Presentation - "Breaking Barriers Between Old and New" –  
by Marion Nelson

Discussion

Offertory – *Evening Shimmers* - Prairie "Gamelan"

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

(additional announcements are in your Order of Service)

\* Hymn # 159 – *This Is My Song*

Closing Words – Rachel Long

May all sentient beings have happiness and its causes.

May all sentient being be free from suffering and its causes,

May all sentient beings never be separated from the bliss that knows  
no suffering.

May all sentient beings abide in equanimity, free of bias, attachment  
and anger.

Postlude – *Sea Scape* - Prairie "Gamelan"

*\*Stand as you are able.*

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Our presider today is  
our president, Rachel Long, and our accompanist is Doleta Chapru with  
the help of other Prairie musicians. Please join us after the program for  
coffee and fellowship. Marion Nelson has selected items for sale from  
her center at Global View as well as information about events there.

## **Announcements**

**Congregational Meeting** next week will cover important issues of Prairie's vision for the future. We will start with a potluck after the service.

**Prairie Directory Update** is in the works. If you have changes for the directory, please give them to Dan Proud (661-0776 or [prouds@tds.net](mailto:prouds@tds.net)).

**Spanish Speakers** will meet for potluck and conversation on Wednesday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Prudence Barber, 1104 Mound St, Apt. C. For questions, contact Rosemary Dorney.

**Midweek Meals @ Prairie** take place every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Prairie. These are potlucks for members, friends, and guests.

**Prairie Elders** will meet Tuesday, September 25, at 2:00 p.m. See Prairie Fire for details.

**Humanist Union** will meet on Sunday, October 14, at noon for a program on the Freedom from Religion Foundation. All are welcome.

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, September 23**

11:45 a.m. Board Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 25**

2:00 p.m. Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood West. Info in the Prairie Fire.

### **Wednesday, September 26**

6:30 p.m. Spanish Speakers potluck

### **Sunday, September 30**

10:00 a.m. "General Assembly Inspiration" presented by Mike and Norma Briggs and Barb Park

11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting

### **Sunday, October 7**

10:00 a.m. "Fall Poetry" presented by Mary Mullen and Anne Lundin

### **Sunday, October 14**

10:00 a.m. "Association Sunday" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

12:00 p.m. Humanist Union meets