



Prairie Unitarian Universalist
Society

Association Sunday

A special service dedicated to
the UUA's comprehensive campaign
to grow our faith

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

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Prelude "From the Depths of My Heart" by Johann Christoph Bach
played by Doleta Chapru

Welcome: Rachel Long, President, Prairie UU Society

Opening Words:

Reader: Nancy Schraufnagel, Denominational Affairs

As we gather together this morning,
May we learn to recognize and affirm
The pieces of possibility --
The bits of good -- we bring.
May we encourage rather than control;
Love rather than possess;
Enable rather than envy.

Allowing our individual gifts to weave a patchwork of peace:
The soft deep blue of sensitivity and understanding;
The red energy of creativity;
The white heat of convictions;
The risky, fragile green of new growth;
The golden flashes of gratitude;
The warm rose of love.

Each of us is indispensable
If we are to minister to a broken and wounded world.
Together, in our gathered diversity, we form the whole.
So be it.

*Hymn #361 "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Chalice Lighting (to be followed by moment of silence)

Reader: Pat Watkins, Denominational Affairs

Our Unitarian heritage bids us to light our chalice

In the name of freedom,

In the light of reason,

In actions of tolerance.

We gather in community to celebrate a heritage of freedom,
reason, and tolerance.

Our Universalist heritage bids us to light our chalice

In the name of faith,

In the light of hope,

In actions of love.

~~We gather in community to celebrate a heritage of faith, hope, and love.~~

Let us bring this Unitarian Universalist heritage into our world and
our lives today.

Joys and Concerns

Presentation: "Keeping the Flame Lit" - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Discussion

Offertory – "Pastorale" by Charles Wesley - Doleta Chapru

Today's offering will be in support of the UUA's Campaign,
"Now Is the Time".

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service.

Hymn #347 (SLT) "Gather the Spirit"

Closing Words – Rev. Ralph

As we part now one from another, let these be our thoughts:

If that which is most cherished lies within each human person, and if that creative good should flicker and become uncertain in any of our individual lives, then it may become possible to see the vision of our Unitarian Univesalist Association. A vision dedicated to nurturing that light: in every child, in each young person, in every adult, each couple, and every family, reaching to become the beloved community.

For the power of good in any one of us may at times waver or become diminished. But when a group together is dedicated to nurturing the power of good, it is rare for the light to grow dim in all individuals at the same moment.

So we borrow courage and wisdom from one another, to warm us and nurture us, to keep us until we gather together again.

Postlude: "Fughetta" by J. O. Armand – Doleta Chapru

*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Our presenter today is our minister, Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. Thanks to Pat Watkins and Nancy Schraufnagel of the Denominational Affairs Committee and to our musician, Doleta Chapru. Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service.

Announcements

Humanist Union meets today. There will be a potluck lunch at noon followed by a presentation at 12:30 p.m. by Lori Lipman Brown of the Secular Coalition for America. The title is *A Place at the Table: How the Nation's First Lobbyist for Non-theists is Enjoying the Feast*. All are welcome. Plan ahead for the next meeting on November, "Losing Faith in Faith" by Dan Barker of the Freedom from Religion Foundation.

WOW (Wild Outstanding Women) will meet the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Kathy Converse, 630 Pickford St, Madison. All Prairie women are welcome. For more information, contact Kathy Converse or Mary Somers.

Prairie Book Group has changed dates and will discuss *Man-Gone-Down* by Michael Thomas on Sunday, October 21, after the service.

Prairie Choir has resumed practices on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. New singers are welcome. See Barb Park for more information.

Prairie Elders will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, at Oakwood West to share personal reflections on becoming a Unitarian.

Spanish Speakers will meet for potluck and conversation on Thursday, November 1, at the home of Mary and Andy Somers.

Film Group will meet on Thursday, October 18 to view *Dersu Uzala*.

Congratulations to Ken Skog, who was associated with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which just won the Nobel Prize!

Calendar

Sunday, October 14

12:00 p.m. Humanist Union meets

Wednesday, October 17

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

Thursday, October 18

7:00 p.m. Prairie Film Group

Sunday, October 21

10:00 a.m. Wendy Cooper presents "United Nations' Role in Building a Peaceful World"

10:00 a.m. Service Sunday for R.E.

11:30 a.m. "Who Are UU?" Q & A Session with Rev. Ralph

11:30 a.m. Book Club

11:45 a.m. Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 24

6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee meets

Sunday, October 28

10:00 a.m. "Day of the Dead" presented by Dorothy Krause

Thursday, November 1

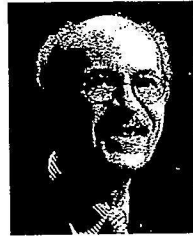
Spanish Speakers meet at the home of Mary and Andy Somers

Sunday, November 4

10:00 a.m. "Keeping Religion and Government Separate" presented by Dan Barker.

Dear friends:

Association Sunday is part of the UUA's *Now is the Time* comprehensive campaign to grow Unitarian Universalism. On this day, UUs across the country are joining together to support the special growth and outreach initiatives of our Association of Congregations. By combining our resources—both financial and spiritual—we can strengthen the bonds of common purpose among us. With your help, Unitarian Universalism can become the voice of liberal religious values in the world. With your help, we will reach and influence more people with our message of peace, justice and religious inclusiveness. Simply put, we are better together!



In gratitude for your generosity,

Bill

Rev. Bill Sinkford
President, UUA