

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

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the 3rd (or 13th?)



communion (not Christian) **Sunday, June 13, 2010**

Prelude - "Native American Prayer," by Nolan Schmit

Prairie UU Society Choir, Barbara Park, director, and Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Welcome - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words - in unison

Prairie Bond of Union (on separate sheet)

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even Nichols

***Hymn #8 (SLT)** "Mother Spirit, Father Spirit"

Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Chalice Lighting - responsive

The flowers we share are sacred

Flowers, gift of the earth, give life.

The friendship we share this day is sacred.

All gatherings, when people meet and share, celebrate life.

The joys we share this day are sacred

Joys and sorrows that rise from love are springs of life.

The silence we share this day is sacred.

May this place be a haven for the spirit which nurtures life.

For flowers, for friends, for joy and sorrow, for the comfort of quietness,

Let us light our chalice and be ever grateful.

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation: "Capek's Gift" – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

from Meg Barnhouse - adapted

Discussion

Offering

Offertory - "Like A Mighty Stream," by Moses Hogan, Prairie UU Society Choir

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service

New Member Welcome

Farewell Litany

For Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, ending his consulting ministry

***Hymn #311 (SLT) "Let It Be a Dance"**

Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Closing Words

It is worthwhile to live and fight courageously for sacred ideals.

Oh blow ye evil winds into my body's fire; my soul you'll never unravel.

Even though disappointed a thousand times or fallen in the fight and everything would worthless seem,

I have lived amidst eternity.

Be grateful, my soul,

My life was worth living.

He who was pressed from all sides but remained victorious in spirit is welcomed into the choir of heroes.

He who overcame the fetters giving wing to the mind is entering into the golden age of the victorious.

*Norbert Fabian Capek, written in the Dachau
concentration camp before his death, 1942*

***Please stand as you are able.**

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Thanks to everyone who made this service possible. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

FAREWELL LITANY

**For Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, ending his Consulting Ministry
June 2010**

Leader:

Our congregational family is constantly changing. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and congregational life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share this time of **farewell** with Rev. Ralph who is leaving.

Leader:

On Nov. 1, 2006, **Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society** invited Rev. Ralph to serve as our **Consulting Minister**.

Minister:

I thank **Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society**, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last four years. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted and for the good things we have been able to accomplish together. I ask forgiveness for any mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

All who are present:

We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept the fact that you now leave to embark on the way of retired ministers. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We too ask your forgiveness for any mistakes we have made. Your influence on our lives and living will not leave us at your departure.

Minister:

I accept your gratitude, and forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are worthy of a justice seeking and spirit giving congregation.

Leader:

Do you, Rev. Ralph, release this congregation from turning to you and depending on you as a **minister**?

Minister:

I do, with the help and guidance of all that can be freely given and gratefully received.

Leader:

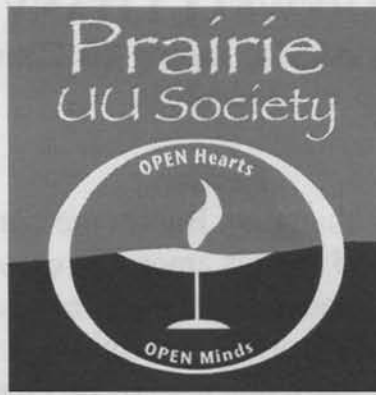
Do you offer your encouragement for the continued shared ministry here and for the relationship this congregation will develop with another who will come to serve after you?

Minister:

I do, with the help and guidance of all that can be freely given and gratefully received.

Leader:

For remembered times when we, together, have shared the spirit of fulfilling values of congregational life, we express our sincere gratitude. We thank you for the moments we have shared with you and wish you the best as you go forward on your life's journey.



Prairie Bond of Union

We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another.



Announcements

Green Tip of the Week: Go green with products for your home. You can find wallpaper with non-woven paper and water based ink from peterfasano.com and annafrench.com. Furniture from sustainable wood and pillows from soybeans and recycled plastic can be found at leeindustries.com. Rugs made from recycled materials and natural dyes can be found at peaceindustry.com, sundancecatalog.com, prairierugs.com, and flokati.com. If you are looking for a local source of some of these items and more, visit the Eco Fusion Design Store, 3236A University Avenue in Madison, or online at ecofusiondesign.com.

Directories Now Available! Please see Kate, Prairie's administrator, for a copy of the new Prairie phone directory.

Social Action News The Social Action committee is still collecting socks to donate to the UU Church in Tucson for their No More Deaths ministry. New, clean white socks can be left in the basket in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

Retirement Party for Rev. Ralph Tyksinski Next Sunday, June 20th, after the service, we will be having a retirement party for Rev. Ralph. For more information please see Aileen Nettleton or Rebecca Malke.

Take Note!! On Sunday, June 27th, we will have a live stream of the service from General Assembly in Minneapolis. Since the service at GA starts at 9am, we will meet one hour earlier than usual. Mark your calendars: *Sunday, June 27th, service is at 9 am.*

The End is Nigh The end of the fiscal year, that is. Our financial year runs from July 1 to June 30, so we are just about to the end of the fiscal year 2009-2010. If you made any purchases for Prairie in the last year and you would like to be reimbursed, or would like to know if you completed your pledge, please contact our administrator when she returns from her vacation, Monday June 21st.

Prairie Fire Deadline change Due to the administrator's vacation, the deadline and the publishing date for the next newsletter are being shifted a little. The deadline for the next Prairie Fire newsletter, which will include articles, calendar, program blurbs, and more, is Friday, June 18th. The issue will be published on June 23rd. Please send all your items to admin@uuprairie.org.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, June 20, 2010

10:00 am – service - "Father's Day," presented by Nick Abts.

11:45 am - Retirement Party for Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

Monday, June 21, 2010

6:00 pm - Humanist Union will celebrate World Humanist Day with potluck supper.

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck, at the home of Kate Tucker, 4504 Camden Rd.

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

Sunday, June 27, 2010

9:00 am – service - "General Assembly LIVE," presented by Dorothy Krause.

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery.

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

7:00 pm - Program Committee meeting.

Sunday, July 4, 2010

10:00 am- Service - "Reclaiming the Flag: What We Love About Our Country," presented by Mary Mullen.

Sunday, July 11, 2010

10:00 am- Service - "Menu for the Future" presented by Prairie study group.

Monday, July 12, 2010

7:00 pm - Prairie Board meeting.

Monday, July 19, 2010

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck, at the home of Bill Schaefer, 1029 Spaight St. apt B6.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, July 25 - Joint Service with Sauk City UU

Friday, September 10 - 60th Anniversary Party for Rose and Galen Smith.

Friday, Sept. 17 - Sunday, Sept. 19 - Prairie Family Retreat at Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI.