

Order of Service: March 28th 2020

"Brilliant Small Things" by Prairie

Note: This service will be recorded

Reader: Kathy Converse, Zoom helper: Holly Tellander

**Prelude:** *Daybreak* performed by Amber

Welcome and Announcements: Renee Deschard

## **Opening Words by Grace Gealey**

It's so easy to get whisked away in the hubbub of friends, work and busy-ness, but we need to take the time to be still and become aware of ourselves. The small things. The fact that we're still breathing. Our ability to move. The presence of love around and in us. Our strengths. Our opportunities. Our journeys.

**Opening Song:** Song of Promise written by James Naigus

# Chalice Lighting by Rev. Michael DeVernon Boblett

We are not alone.

We are this flame, ancient as the stars, new as the vulnerable spark.

We are not alone.

We are this chalice, rimmed by the spiral dance of searching.

We are not alone.

We are the light soaring, the shadow deepening, the dance between them.

We are not alone.

We are the heirs of the tribes and their fires, the healers and their circles.

We are not alone.

We are here. We are here for ourselves. We are here for each other. And We are not alone.

#### **Silent Meditation**

**Story for All Ages:** *Everybody Needs a Rock* by Byrd Baylor; Peter Parnall read by Kathy Converse

Presentation: "Brilliant Small Things"

Relates to 1st Principle - The inherent worth and

dignity of every person

## **Short Discussion**

Offering and Offertory: Nightfall performed by Amber



Closing Song: Tscherepnine Horn Quartet mvt 4 performed by John Wunderlin

## **Closing Words by Sebastian Vettel**

There are some things that you can fulfill with money, but at the end of the day these are not the things that make you happy. It is the small things that make life good.

#### Virtual Coffee Hour

Please stay online for our Virtual Coffee Hour! We can share our Joys and Concerns, visitors can introduce themselves, and we can check-in with each other and chat.

## Prairie UU Society 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**

We are sharing our offering this quarter with the *Tenant Resource Center*. The agency provides information, education, and access to conflict resolution for both renters and landlords. They offer an Eviction Clinic which provides information about legal rights and liabilities, housing assistance if someone is evicted, financial assistance with payment agreements with landlords, and limited rent payment assistance to large families facing eviction. Homeless services are also available such as locating housing, limited case management, eviction prevention and rapid rehousing. Volunteers are much needed and trained and used as housing counselors, mediators and office assistants.

*Men's shelter breakfast update!* Porchlight is moving the Men's Emergency Shelter to different facilities with meals provided by Dane County for the duration of the shelter-in-place initiative. There may be volunteer opportunities to make breakfast on Saturday, May 2.

The Allied Drive Food Pantry needs healthy/young volunteers! Many volunteers at the food pantry are in the at-risk age group. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Connie Weiss at ckweiss@uwalumni.com or (608) 335-0673.

Our *move-in date is postponed* from April 10th until sometime in late April. There is a delay in getting the doors, decorative wood ceiling, and other trim pieces, which are expected to be delivered between March 31 through April 07. The construction team is continuing to complete other parts of the project. We don't expect the delay to impact us much, since we are not likely to be meeting in person for the next several weeks. We will let you know as soon as the move-in date is confirmed. Stay home, and stay safe.