

Note: This service will be recorded

Reader: Deesa

Zoom helper: Renee

**Opening Song:** *Czardas* by Delibes, performed by Amber

**Welcome and Announcements:**  
Renee Deschard

**Chalice Lighting** By Vanessa Southern

We light our chalice, symbol of our faith,  
For truth, sought through a questioning heart and an attentive mind;  
And for love, pursued through obstacles inside and outside our own human heart;  
And for forgiveness, and all it entails—  
The place where truth and love meet and merge.

**Silent Meditation**

**Story for All Ages:** [\*I Love My New Toy\*](#) by Mo Willems

**Presentation:** *Forgiveness for Individual, Family, and Community Well-Being* by Robert Enright

Relates to our 1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person

**Discussion**

**Closing Words:** *Forgiveness* By Amanda Udis-Kessler

One: It may be the hardest thing we will ever do,  
Many: Caught up in our self-righteousness, honing our pain.  
One: The one who offended may not deserve forgiveness  
Many: And we are not obliged to offer it.  
One: Why, then, should we forgive?  
Many: Because we have all caused pain.  
One: Because we all miss the mark.  
Many: Because we can deepen our souls if we forgive.  
One: Because restoring even one relationship heals many hearts.  
Many: Because we would be forgiven ourselves.  
One: Because drawing closer to one another builds our communities.  
Many: Because the alternative is endless bitterness.  
One: Because the world we seek to create is a world filled with forgiveness.  
Many: Because we need not remain caught up in our self-righteousness and pain.  
One: It may be the hardest thing we will ever do.  
All: Let us take the first step now.

**Closing Song:** SLT #179 Words That We Hold Tight

**Virtual Coffee Hour**

Guest/visitor welcome, Joys and Concerns and chatting



***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.

## **SLT #179 Words That We Hold Tight**

Words that we hold tight won't let us go.  
Paths we don't follow will haunt us so.  
What will undo us is not our friend.  
Show us, O spirit, how to befriend.

Show us how to forgive.  
To all who live, show us forgiveness that we may live.

To speak of loving is not to love.  
Lies move among us, below, above.  
When we are raging, needing to mend,  
show us, O spirit, how to befriend.

Show us how to forgive.  
To all who live, show us forgiveness that we may live.

When love is doubtful, choice is not clear,  
we turn to worship to cast out fear.  
Teach us forgiveness, make love out end.  
Show us, O spirit, how to befriend.

Show us how to forgive.  
To all who live, show us forgiveness that we may live.

## Upcoming Events

### **Prairie Study Group (2nd & 4th Mondays) 7pm**

This study group is part of Prairie's initiative to become a more truly welcoming congregation to those of all ethnic and class backgrounds, genders and sexual orientations as we proclaim at the start of our services. Please participate if you can.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88309002767>

Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 883 0900 2767

### **Virtual Dungeons and Dragons (beginners group) (every Tuesday) 4:30pm**

Looking for a fun way to get social with friends? Well, this is the group for you! No prior experience necessary - though a camera & microphone will be required for full participation. This group is open to anyone! Ages 9 & up will be most comfortable.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775992109>

### **Tuesday Trivia (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month) 7pm**

During covid19 in person trivia has moved online! Prairie members and non members are invited to play. Email Renee reneedeschard[at sign]gmail.com to get added to the trivia email list.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89006194902>

### **Thursday Fun 6:30pm**

ALL are welcome. Wednesday activities may include read alouds, show & tell, virtual hide & seek, talent shows, pet demonstrations, sing-a-longs, or general tomfoolery. Actually, the tomfoolery is guaranteed. Hope to see you there! Fun usually ends by 7pm

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84638913138>

### **Prairie Sing Along (every Thursday) 7pm**

We use songsheets displayed on the ZOOM whiteboard and the Rise Up Singing songbook. It's a great opportunity to practice your guitar or ukulele and sing with no judgements... and bring out the folk-rock star that you are. Everyone & all ages are welcomed. Zoom hosts Mary Mullen and Patty Stockdale.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85355334298>

Join by phone: 1(312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 853 5533 4298

### **Virtual Dungeons and Dragons (advanced group) (every Friday) 4:30pm**

Bring your character and immerse yourself in a virtual world of storytelling and decision-making. Camera & microphone will be necessary to interact fully. This group is open to anyone! Ages 9 & up will be most comfortable.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81808854406>

### **Sunday Service: "What are you? Multiculturalism, Latinidad, and the American Melting Pot" by Peggy Manolis Small 2/21 10am**

While the concept of the United States as a cultural "Melting Pot" is widely promoted, discrimination and division are ongoing problems. The speaker will explore the ideas of identity, multiculturalism, and cultural assimilation through the lens of her own upbringing in an ethnically mixed family with particular focus on her Mexican heritage. This relates to our 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86387565125>

Join by phone: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 863 8756 5125