

All Souls' Day

Prelude: "The Parting Glass", Scottish traditional, performed by Lynn Currie

Welcome and Announcements: Barbara Park

Chalice Lighting: Adapted from Patricia Shelden

In this hour of holy stillness
we gather to honor the lives and the people we
Love.

In this hour of Holy Stillness
we remind ourselves that the flames of life and love
are never fully extinguished.

In this hour of Holy Stillness
we offer ourselves
for sharing the weight of each other's grief.

In this hour of Holy Stillness
we offer the strength of our love
to help others survive their pain and grief.

In this hour of Holy Stillness
we call forth from each of us
the power we offer out of life, out of loss, out of
Love.

Story For All Ages: The Fall by Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Children's Recessional: by Joyce Poley

As you go on your way, may you be filled with
gladness.
Go in joy, go in joy!
May fortune bless your day with peace and loving
kindness.
Go in love, go in love.

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- history of this service (Barb Park)
- saying aloud those who have gone before us (Mary Mullen)
- sharing of pictures, momentos or stories of loved ones who are no longer with us

Silent Meditation

Offering and Offertory: "The Circle Game" by Joni Mitchell, performed by Ron Frye

Closing Words: "In the river, the water continually flows" by John C Morgan

In the river, the water continually flows on, yet the
river is ever there.

Our lives flow on in endless song, yet life and joy
shall never end.

Closing Music: #123 SLT Spirit of Life, accompanied by Ron Frye

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



Announcements

For the fourth quarter of 2022, Prairie will share its offertory collection with Porchlight's DIGS program, which provides eviction-prevention counseling and financial assistance to households facing eviction. In 2021, DIGS counseled 1,007 households and gave financial assistance to 660 households in danger of eviction; 85% of those who received DIGS' assistance remained in housing six months later. The program is running low on funds, and Prairie's Social Action Committee thought it would be an appropriate sharer of our offering.

Our first Soup Sunday in our newly remodeled building will be today after the service! Please join us for lunch and conversation. Suggested donation \$5 for adults.

Prairie's women's group, PrairieWOW, will meet on Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 a.m. ALL women associated with Prairie are welcome to attend – especially newcomers.

Save the Date! Prairie's Fall Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2022. We'll start the morning with a short service at 10:00 a.m. then move into the meeting. We'll be discussing the budget, a change to the bylaws and other important topics. We need 32 people for a quorum, so please attend!

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Lyrics to "The Circle Game"

Yesterday a child came out to wander
Caught a dragonfly inside a jar
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder
And tearful at the falling of a star

(Chorus)

And the seasons, they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return, we can only look
Behind, from where we came
And go round and round and round, in the circle game

Then the child moved ten times round the seasons
Skated over ten clear frozen streams
Words like, "When you're older" must appease him
And promises of someday make his dreams

(Chorus)

16 springs and 16 summers gone now
Cartwheels turn to car wheels through the town
And they tell him, "Take your time, it won't be long
now
'Til you drag your feet to slow the circles down"

(Chorus)

So the years spin by and now the child is 20
Though his dreams have lost some grandeur coming
true
There'll be new dreams, maybe better dreams and
plenty
Before the last revolving year is through

(Chorus)

*Please find the events calendar on our website at
www.uuprairie.org/about/calendar/*