

## Mini Service and Parish Meeting

**Prelude:** “There Is Time” by Terry Spear, performed by Dan Proud

**Chalice Lighting:** “We Gather in a Sacred Space”  
By Emily Richards

We gather this morning in a sacred space,  
Kindling a fire that burns here in our chalice and in our hearts.  
We gather to engage in a different kind of worship,  
One that doesn’t include sermons or hymns but is holy nonetheless.

We gather to honor our covenant and engage in congregational life,  
Doing the necessary work to ensure that this community thrives.

We gather together, as a people of faith, guided by love,  
A love that burns as bright as the flame in our chalice.  
We light this chalice, as we have done so many times before,  
For the warmth of love,  
The light of truth,  
And the energy of action.

**Joys & Concerns**

**Silent Meditation**

**Reflection On Democracy** by Kathy Converse

**Parish Meeting Agenda**

1. Review of the process for this meeting
2. Secretary Minutes of May 2022 Parish meeting, approval and vote
3. Finance Committee Update, 2023 Budget approval and vote
4. Ad Hoc By-laws Committee, By-laws revision, approval and vote
5. Nominating Committee, Committee on Ministry terms and members
6. Committee Updates
7. Closing Words
8. Adjourn

**Closing Words** “The Work Continues”  
By Martha Kirby Capo

Our time together is finished, but our work is not yet done:

May our spirits be renewed and our purpose resolved

As we meet the challenges of the weeks and months and years to come.

The chalice flame is extinguished

Until once again ignited by the strength of our communion.

Go now in peace.

**Adjourn**



## Announcements

**Transgender Day of Remembrance** Sunday, Nov 20th, 7pm

Join us this Sunday evening at Temple Beth El to honor the lives of our transgender siblings lost to violence in the past year. Prairie UU is a co-sponsor of this important and solemn event, and Rev. Matt Aspin and Prairie member [Katrina Daly Thompson](#) will be among the speakers.

Address:

[Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, WI](#)

LiveStream:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/TBEYTLivestream>

**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.

**Mark your calendars! Old Befana returns to Prairie on Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m.!** Ken Lonquist and his troop will perform this All Ages retelling of the folk tale, Old Befana. From Ken's website: "Based on an ancient Yule tale, Old Befana is a recipe for enchantment ~ its warmth and magic stirs audiences of all ages, putting an illuminating spin on a familiar night of miracles, it's three Kings, a bright shining star, and a very special child."

## Even More Announcements!

**It's almost time for Nifty Gifty**, the Prairie tradition where kids spend a morning crafting a bunch of gifts for their loved ones. If you have any of the following items, will you please bring them to Prairie?

- Old jeans (clean, please)
- Dairy lids (such as the type that snaps onto tubs of yogurt or cottage cheese)
- Cereal boxes or other boxes of similar cardboard (cracker boxes, etc)
- Scraps of colorful fabric
- Clear plastic clamshell containers that have number 6 in their recycle triangle (other types of plastic won't work as well)
- Shrinky-Dink sheets (don't buy them but if you happen to have unused ones we'll be happy to use them)
- Unspun wool roving (probably not many have this, but it's worth asking, right?)
- Wrapping paper

There will be a box at Prairie the next 2 Sundays - November 20 and 27 to receive donations.

If you'd like to help out in person on December 4, please let Karen Deaton know! Nifty Gifty is a lot of fun.