



## "Valentine's Day, Love & Chocolate" by Renee Deschard

Monthly theme: Love

UU Principle: First Principle

### Order Of Service - February 12th 2023

**Prelude:** "Amor Preparami" by A. Scarlatti,  
performed by Amber

**Welcome and Announcements:** Barb Park

**Chalice Lighting** by Maureen Killoran

Love is the aspiration, the spirit that moves and  
inspires this faith we share.

Rightly understood, love can nurture our spirits  
and transform the world.

May the flame of this chalice honor and embody  
the power and the blessing of the love we need,  
the love we give, the love we are challenged  
always to remember and to share.

**Story For All Ages:** [Hedgehugs](#) by Steven Wilson  
and Lucy Tapper read by Renee Deschard (she/her)

**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.

**Presentation:** "Valentine's Day, Love & Chocolate"  
by Renee Deschard (she/her)

**Chocolate Meditation**

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** "Salut d'Amour" by Elgar,  
performed by Amber

**Closing Words** by David Richo

What makes us human beings so uniquely wonderful  
in this puzzling universe is that we never give up on  
love.

Against all odds, with no guarantee of being loved in  
return, out of the hate and hurt so often handed us,  
in the face of the sad suffering history has let us see,  
we go on loving.

What deep respect we deserve for this capacity of  
ours to make love out of anything and to let it last.

**Closing Music:** "Can't Help Falling In Love" by  
Elvis, accompanied by Amber, lyrics are on the  
back of this page

**Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors**

**Greet Your Neighbor**



### **Announcements**

**For the first quarter of 2023, Prairie will share its offertory collection with JustDane,** which runs Healing House, a place where homeless families can stay while a family member recovers from surgery. JustDane also helps people returning to the community from prison with problems like finding housing, a difficult task for anyone with a record.

### **Write Postcards Today**

Today after the service, join the Social Action Committee in the annex to write postcards encouraging people to vote in the upcoming spring primary, which is Feb. 24.

**Spanish Speakers' Potluck** is meeting at Prairie's Annex on Wednesday, February 15th at 3:00 p.m. The group is open to all who wish to practice their Spanish. Please bring a food item to share.

**Prairie's Guys Group** is gathering at the Prairie's Meeting House on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all interested members and friends. For more information please contact Dan Proud or Andy Garst

**In remembrance of Evelyn May Kain** we will hold a memorial service in her honor on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m at Prairie's Meeting House. Please join us in person or on Zoom as we celebrate the life of this extraordinary person. There will be food served afterwards.

### **Prairie Spring Auction Save the Date!**

Prairie's Spring Auction will be on Sunday, March 19th at 10:00 a.m. Start thinking about what you can donate and watch for more info in Prairie News and Views!

### **Lyrics for "Can't Help Falling in Love"**

Wise men say  
Only fools rush in  
But I can't help falling in love with you

Shall I stay?  
Would it be a sin  
If I can't help falling in love with you?

Like a river flows  
Surely to the sea  
Darling, so it goes  
Some things are meant to be

Take my hand  
Take my whole life, too  
For I can't help falling in love with you

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Take my hand  
Take my whole life, too  
For I can't help falling in love with you  
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### **Service: Sunday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.**

### **"Listening to Marginalized Voices" by Prairie's Interweave Members**

Members of Interweave (Prairie's group for LGBTQIA+ folks and allies) will participate in a "Fishbowl activity," which will require the rest of us to listen actively to their experiences and perspectives. While this fishbowl will feature queer and trans folks and allies, we hope that the listening skills we will practice will also aid us in open-hearted, non-defensive listening to other marginalized voices.