



"Parliament of World's Religions: What, Who, When, Why" by Rev. Ralph

UU 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

Order Of Service - October 8th 2023

Prelude: Quale piu Fido amico by Verdi arr. Bruns,
performed by Amber

Welcome: Rev. Ralph

Chalice Lighting: "The Peace of Autumn" by
Rabindranath Tagore

Today the peace of autumn pervades the world.

*In the radiant noon, silent and motionless, the wide
stillness rests like a tired bird*

Spreading over the deserted fields to all horizons its
wings of golden green.

*Today the thin thread of the river flows without song,
leaving no mark on its sandy banks.*

The many distant villages bask in the sun with eyes
closed in idle and languid slumber.

In the stillness I hear in every blade of grass,

In every speck of dust, in every part of my own body, in
the visible and invisible worlds,

*In the planets, the sun, and the stars, the joyous dance of
the atoms through endless time.*

Opening Music: #134 SLT "Our World Is One World"
accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *The Loon's Necklace* A Tsimshian
legend, from British Columbia, retold by William Toye;
illustrated by Elizabeth Cleaver. Read by Rev. Ralph

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.

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "Parliament of World's Religions: What,
Who, When, Why" by Rev. Ralph

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: Prelude in c minor by Bach,
performed by Amber

Closing Words: "The Sacred Hoop" by Black Elk

Then I was standing on the highest mountain of them
all,

And round beneath me was the whole hoop of the world.

And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell

And I understood more than I saw.

For I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of all
things of the spirit

And the shapes as they must live together like one being.

And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people was one
of many hoops that make one circle, wide as daylight
and starlight,

And in the center grew one mighty flowering tree

To shelter all the children of one mother and one
father.

And I saw that it was holy.

Closing Music: #187 SLT "It Sounds Along the Ages"
accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

Announcements



**4th Quarter
Offertory Sharing:**
The Catalyst Project,
a mutually
supportive
community for up to
3 single moms and
their children who

have experienced homelessness. Participants have access to collaborative problem solving, trauma informed mentoring, and therapeutic intervention. The project's founding principle is that the wisdom of those mistreated by our society is essential to creating a society that serves all its people.

Our Fall Parish Meeting is Sunday, Nov 19th. We'll have a very short service and then move right into the parish meeting. We'll hear about the findings from the Transition Team and vote on next year's budget. We'll also have a congregational discussion at an earlier date with an opportunity to ask questions and get clarification prior to the parish meeting. The agenda and meeting materials will be distributed in November.

Pledge Drive Update

From our Finance Committee Chair: Our pledge goal for 2024 is \$144,547. So far we have 29 pledges for a total of \$80,076. We received 58 pledges in 2023. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged.

Are you still thinking about your pledge? Are contemplating raising your pledge but don't know by how much? Maybe up it by 5%, or maybe by \$10 per month. Please know that every pledge is valued and every pledge contributes to making Prairie the special community that it is. If you need a pledge form look for one on the hymnal cart today. Please contact Chris Porter if you have any questions.

Announcements

Service: Sunday, Oct 15th "Deciding What's True in a Polarized Society" by Michael Wagner

This presentation reviews research on fake news, fact-checking, selective exposure to like-minded media outlets and describes the implications for democracy. This presentation is sponsored by Badger Talks.

Visitor Orientation - Today!

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Want to meet a few more people? Then, come to the Visitor Orientation today after the service. We'll meet in the foyer by the Welcoming Table.

PUUPs is back! Prairie UU Parents' Group will meet today after the service. Come downstairs to the RE area to join the children for lunch of pizza and anything participants bring to share. After lunch, children will have free play time supervised by volunteers while adults return to the upstairs Meeting Room to share the joys and challenges of parenting. All parents and guardians of children under 19 are invited.

Choir Rehearsals start next Sunday, Oct 15th at 8:45am. If you're interested in joining the choir or have questions please contact our Choir Director Barb Park

