



## "Porchlight's Response to Homelessness in Dane County" by Karla Thennes

**1st Principle:** The inherent worth and dignity of every person

### Order Of Service - February 18th 2024

**Prelude:** "Swing Down Low" arranged by Patsy Ford Simms. Performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

**Welcome:** Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

#### Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice to find inner peace, love for each other, and faith in ourselves. Also, to be welcoming to whomever we meet and kind to all living creatures. So gather around this light of hope as we share this time together.

**New Member Recognition:** Judy Wacker, Matt Wise

(Lyrics for "Consider Yourself" are on the back of this page)

*All: 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.*

**Story For All Ages:** *The Old Man* by Sarah and Claude Dubois

**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.

### Chocolate Meditation

**Presentation:** "Porchlight's Response to Homelessness in Dane County" by Karla Thennes

#### Discussion

**Offering and Offertory:** "Jesus Met the Woman at the Well" Traditional, arr. Peter, Paul and Mary, performed by Dan Proud and Mary Mullen

#### Closing Words

Here at Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society, we reach back into the past to honor those who came before us and those who have given much so that we may be here today. And we reach forward with hands of welcome to embrace those who have newly joined our Fellowship.

Wherever your path may take you, may you carry the good news you have heard here today with you in your heart and on your lips as a blessing to everyone you may meet.

Go in peace. Return with love.

**Closing Music:** "Lean on Me" by Bill Withers  
Lyrics will be displayed on the front screen.

#### Announcements

#### Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

#### Greet Your Neighbor

## Announcements



### **Prairie's 1st Quarter Offertory Sharing**

is with the Eviction Prevention Fund of Allied Partners. Among the support Allied Partners provides is a fund available to the Dane County Joining Forces for

Families Social Workers in Allied. They help residents who are short on rent payments and may face eviction. This work is in keeping with one of our social action focuses: homelessness.

### **Lyrics for "Consider Yourself"**

Consider yourself at home  
Consider yourself one of the family  
We've taken to you so strong  
It's clear we're going to get along

Consider yourself well in  
Consider yourself part of the family  
We have so much to share  
It's plain we definitely care!

If it should chance to be  
We should see  
Some harder days  
In need of a friendly way  
Why groan?  
There's always a chance we'll meet  
Others who will give a hug  
With kindness, warmth, and love.

Consider yourself our friends  
We don't want to have no fuss  
For after some consideration, we can state  
Consider yourself  
One of us!  
Consider yourself  
One of us!

## Announcements

**Service: Sunday, Feb 25th** "Political Dynamics of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" by Nadav Shelef  
This talk will explore the ups and downs of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict over time, the current strategies of the participants, and where it is likely to go from here. This presentation is sponsored by Badger Talks. **Please note, this service will not have an option to join on Zoom.**

### **Interweave Meeting Today**

Interweave, Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ and questioning folks, as well as allies, will meet after the service today in the annex. All are welcome.

### **Prairie Cookbook - Recipes Wanted!**

Please send your favorite recipes to Susan Herr-Hoyman at herrsm@gmail.com by March 15th



### **Annual Prairie Auction - March 17**

Prairie's Auction is 4 weeks from today!  
This year we have a new auction website where you can submit your items online and view items in the auction. Check the website frequently to keep up to date on what's being donated and consider what you and/or your loved ones want to bid on. Look for the auction display in Prairie's foyer where paper forms are available. Please submit your items by March 9th

### **Scan to View Auction Website**

