



"Citizens' Climate Lobby's Strategy for Legislative Success" by Ken Skog

7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. **Value:** Interdependence

Order Of Service - Dec 1, 2024

Prelude: "Mt. Nittany Mambo" by Rick Hirsch, performed by Amber

Welcome: Barb Park

Chalice Lighting by Mark Causey

We light this chalice, spark of the original fire of creation, to remind us that we all on this planet—the furred, the feathered, the finned, and the scaled, along with us featherless bipeds—we are all made of the same star-stuff and all share a common destiny. We all share the same hopes of a life free from harm and suffering and the same aspirations of happiness, love, and flourishing—being able to express our own unique natures and capacities as best we may. We are just that many diverse perspectives from which the whole is seen and experienced. We are inextricably intertwined, interconnected and interdependent. And it is good.

Blessed be.

Opening Music: #298 "Wake, Now, My Senses" accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *Wangari's Trees of Peace* by Jeanette Winter

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: "Citizens' Climate Lobby's Strategy for Legislative Success" by Ken Skog

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: "Earth Song" by Michael Jackson, performed by Amber

Closing Words by Erica Baron

Leader: We take the time to acknowledge all those already lost as the world feels the effects of global warming and climate change. Thousands of people, as well as animals and plants, die every year from the effects of global climate change. As we acknowledge these lost, we shall respond, "We remember you."

Leader: To all those people lost to extreme heat waves
All: We remember you.

(more call & responses)

(final call & response)

Leader: We remember you, and we commit ourselves to restoring balance. So may it be.
All: So may it be.

Closing Music: #1064 "Blue Boat Home" accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

(please return hymnals and Orders of Service to the hymnal cart)



Announcements

Prairie's 4th Quarter Offertory Sharing

Social Justice Committee Announcement:

We have learned that Porchlight's DIGS program, with which we had planned to share our 4th-quarter offertory collections, will close Dec. 31.

On the recommendation of Suzanne Gernandt, we will instead share our 4th-quarter offerings with **the Tenant Resource Center**, which provides mediation between landlords and tenants, support for homeless people seeking housing, and other similar services.

Invitation to Holiday Fest at Second Baptist

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski is pleased to share an invitation from Rev. Anthony Wade of the Second Baptist Church. All Prairie members are warmly invited to their Holiday Fest on Saturday, December 14th, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Enjoy holiday refreshments and neighbor-to-neighbor fellowship in their lower-level meeting room.

Location: Second Baptist Church, 4303 Britta Pkwy (very close to Prairie)
We hope to see you there!

Moses Gala - Saturday, Dec 14, 5:30pm

The Annual MOSES Gala will be held at the Brassworks Building of the Goodman Community Center on Madison's East Side. Come be inspired by this year's three honorees, people who have overcome the adversities of incarceration and its aftermath and become contributing members of the community. Great hors d'oeuvres and great company!

Pam Gates and Alison Mix have a table in the Prairie lobby today with more information on the Gala and on MOSES in general.

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Potluck Sunday - Today

Please join us today after service for a potluck meal. We'll need volunteers to help set up tables, move chairs, and prep for food and beverage service. All are welcome!

Humanist Union Meeting - Today 12:30pm

"Our Place in the Cosmos" presented by Prairie Member John Wunderlin starting at 12:30 in Prairie's annex. John Wunderlin will present a discussion of astronomical scale and distance followed by his journey into astrophotography. John has been a lifelong space and science enthusiast and amateur astronomer.

Next Sunday "Embracing the Wealth of Our Religious Roots" by Avalon Haykus

As the holidays associated with the winter solstice near, we may feel torn between recreating the pleasant experiences of childhood and rejecting the religious dogma upon which they were founded. Today's homily is based upon interviews with UUs and explores how we might find harmony between traditions of the past and our current adult values.

Next Sunday in RE: Peer group classes, including the final OWL class for 5&6 year olds Prairie UU Parents' group will meet after the service

Prairie WOW - Saturday, Dec 7, 10am

Prairie's women's group, also known as WOW, will meet at 10am in the meeting house. The group is open to all women connected with Prairie in some way. We will share a breakfast potluck, coffee, and conversation. Please bring a dish to pass.