

Prairie Spring Parish Meeting

Order Of Service - May 18, 2025

Prelude: "The Earth is Reviving" Trad.
translated by T. Gwynn Jones. Performed by
the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park,
accompanied by Carl Wacker

Welcome: Ken Skog

Chalice Lighting by Jennifer McGlothin

As the first hint of green begins to peek
through the barren ground
As that little sprig grows into a healthy stem
As that stem grows into a stalk and forms a
bud
As that bud slowly opens with each new day
To form a yellow daffodil
Let us be, like that first hint of green, renewed
by the warm of the sun's rays
And ready to emerge with a new energy, ready
to face the day.
We light this chalice to bring a glimmer of that
warmth into our space.

Announcements

Parish Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order - Ken Skog
2. Finance update - Chris Unger
3. **Motion** to approve the November 2024
Parish meeting minutes - Ken Skog

4. **Motion** to elect Board and Nominating Committee
members - Barbara Chatterton

Board

Treasurer	Tim Scott
Secretary	Paula Pachciarz
At Large	Marnie Schulenburg

Nominating Committee

Suzanne Gernandt

Thank you to our departing officers - Chris Unger,
Treasurer; Dan Proud, Secretary; Susan Herr-Hoyman,
Trustee; and Heidi Hughes, Nominating Committee Chair

5. Financial Reserves Committee Report - Chris Unger

Motion: Manage the Prairie financial reserves through
the use of three "funds":

- A) Capital Asset Reserve Fund
- B) Bequest and Principles Reserve Fund
- C) Contingency Reserve Fund

Thank you to members of the Financial Reserves
Committee - Chris Porter, Chris Unger, Gary Gates, Aileen
Nettleton and Molly Plunkett

6. **Discuss and Motion** to accept Committee Reports
and Minister's Report - Ken Skog

7. Closing words by Robin F. Gray

As we prepare to depart,
we give voice to these hopes:
May we know ourselves bound in community, even while
we are apart.
May a passion for justice burn in our lives.
May we carry the light of compassion in our hearts and in
our every interaction.
May we be whole in our devotion to truth, and always carry
the lamp of peace before us.

8. Adjourn - Ken Skog



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Prairie's 2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing

Leopold Community Assistance Network (CAN), which helps Leopold School families in crisis with eviction-prevention funds, housing entry fees, immigration resources, and other needs.

UUA General Assembly - Prairie Delegates

Prairie is eligible to send up to three delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly (GA), taking place June 18–22, 2025 in Baltimore, Maryland and online. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Ken Skog at president@uuprairie.org.

Delegates may choose to:

- Attend GA in person in Baltimore
- Participate virtually with full access to programming and voting rights
- Join virtually for business-only participation, including discussions and votes on key issues

Prairie has funds in our budget to help cover delegate registration costs when requested.

Prairie UU Society Mission Statement & Vision

Guided by hope and kindness, we nurture a welcoming community that fosters caring connections, open-mindedness, lifelong learning, and spiritual growth; while championing social justice and environmental stewardship.

We aspire to be a community where all voices are heard and valued, collectively acting as a catalyst for positive change, inspiring empathy and curiosity to champion a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.

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Just Bakery - Today!

Just Bakery will have baked goods for sale after the parish meeting today

Next Sunday: "Frances Dana Gage - Midwestern Morals" by Robin Proud

Frances Gage was a poet, novelist, journalist, activist and frequent speaker for abolition, women's suffrage, and temperance. While much of 19th-century progressivism was centered in the Northeast, she brought her ideals to her home region, from Ohio to Missouri.

Next Sunday in RE: We'll either walk to Marlborough Park to play or go downstairs to play games, depending on the weather.

Prairie Evening Potluck - Thurs, May 22, 6pm

You are invited to a Prairie Evening Potluck at Prairie's main building. Please bring a dish to share. There is no special occasion. Just friends sharing a meal. Please contact Patty Stockdale at pstockdale828@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Prairie UU Society Bond of Union

We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. 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.