



"The Call of Easter: The Varied Ways UU's Find Meaning at Eastertide" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

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

Order Of Service - March 31st 2024

Prelude: Sonata No. 6 Affettuoso by Telemann
performed by Amber

Welcome: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting:

For days on which we recall the old stories, we light the flame.

For Passover which reminds us of the courage and strength of those seeking freedom in the past, we light the flame.

For Easter which reminds us that love is our greatest challenge, we light the flame.

For Trans Day of Visibility (TDOV) to remind us that LGBTQ+ people need a resurrection moment where death does not have the last word and love transcends hate, we light the flame.

For gathering today as a community of caring, we light the flame.

Opening Music: #361 SLT "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"
accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *Duck! Rabbit!* By Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld read by Karen Deaton

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: "The Call of Easter: The Varied Ways UU's Find Meaning at Eastertide" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Offering and Offertory: Meditation by Gounod/Bach
performed by Amber

Closing Words: A Spring Blessing excerpted from The Circle of Life by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr
Final lines by Karen Smith

Blessed are you, spring.

In you is a life no death can destroy.

As you exchange places with winter

you harbor no unforgiving spirit

For broken tree limbs and frozen buds.

Blessed are you, spring,

season of resurrection, sacrament of promise.

You rise up out of darkness,

leaving around you a wake of new life.

Blessed are you, spring,

season of hope and renewal.

Wordless poem about all within us that can never die.

Each year you amaze us with the miracle of returning

life.

May the wordless poem of Spring remain in our hearts

That we may live in harmony with all creation.

So may it be.

Closing Music: #266 SLT "Now the Green Blade Riseth"
accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Youth Easter Bonnet Parade

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.

"Easter Parade" by Irving Berlin, partial lyrics

I could hardly wait to keep our date this lovely Easter morning, And my heart beat fast as I came through the door for:

In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it,
You'll be the grandest fellow in the Easter Parade.
I'll be all in clover, and when they look us over
We'll be the proudest couple in the Easter Parade.

(chorus)

On the Avenue, Fifth Avenue,
The photographers will snap us
And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.

Oh, I could write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet,
And of the guy I'm taking to the Easter Parade.

(repeat chorus)

Announcements

Next Sunday, April 7th "Earth Day - Walking The Talk" by Gary Gates

Next Sunday in RE: Cooking day! All ages will work together to prepare treats for the congregation's potluck.

Program Committee Survey

Please fill out the short Program Survey sent to Prairie News earlier this week. There are also a few paper copies on the hymnal cart, thanks - The Program Committee

Prairie WOW Saturday, April 6

Prairie's women's group, also known as WOW, will meet for breakfast potluck and conversation Saturday morning at 10am in the meeting house. All women connected to Prairie are welcome.

Potluck Sunday, April 7

Join us after the service next Sunday for a potluck meal and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. We'll need volunteers to help set up and clean up. All are welcome!

