

"Songs Celebrating Earth Day" with Ken Lonnquist and Esperé Eckard-Lee
7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

Order Of Service - April 21st 2024

Prelude: "The Sun is on the Rise" performed by Ken Lonnquist

Youth Prelude: "The Seven Principles Song" sung by our youth, directed and accompanied by Carl Wacker

Chalice Lighting: Adapted from "A Child's Chalice Lighting of Gratitude for the Earth" by Karen G. Johnston

What if when
 I light the chalice,
 you hear an invitation
 to welcome gratitude
 for the earth?

And now, with this flame of hope
 shedding light in your heart:
 Reflect on what you are grateful for

Welcome & Announcements: Renee Deschard

Opening Music: "Weave" performed by Ken Lonnquist

Story for All Ages: Folktale of the the kind old woman and the fairy tulips

Presentation: "Songs Celebrating Earth Day" with Ken Lonnquist. Musical selections include:

- "A Place In The Choir"
- "Bat"
- "Water"
- "Carrie's Song"
- "I Am The One"
- "Nattie of the Jungle"
- "One Speed Bike"
- "Heaven's Energy"
- "Walk Lightly Now"

Offering and Offertory: "Grandmother Tree" performed by Ken Lonnquist

Closing Words by John Robbins

"Humans are part of the web of life.
 What we do to the planet, what we do to other species,
 and what we do to other people,
 we end up doing to ourselves."

Closing Music: "A Patchwork World" and "Survival Revival" performed by Ken Lonnquist

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Announcements

Prairie's 2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing is with Willma's Fund, which provides assistance to homeless members of Dane County's LGBTQ+ community. This is in keeping with one of Prairie's social action focuses: homelessness.

For the 1st quarter of 2024, our shared Sunday offering raised \$1,252 for the Eviction Prevention Fund of Allied Partners. Thank you for your generosity!

Prairie Annual Fall Retreat - Save the Date

Please save the date for our annual fall retreat at Bethel Horizons starting the **evening of Friday, September 27th through Sunday morning September 29th, 2024.**

The retreat provides an opportunity for everyone to share meals and join together in nature walks, crafts, discussion groups, games, dancing, singing, meditation and more. The highlights of the weekend are the Talent Show on Saturday night and the Sunday morning service featuring a "key log ceremony."

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.

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Next Sunday, April 28th "Brighter Skies and Better Days" by Rob Brink

The world is messed up. What keeps you going? Let's share some positivity in honor of green shoots, shorter nights, and warmer days. If you have a story that brings you hope, bring a memento. You can hold it close, hold it up, or share the story. If you don't have a story that brings you hope, mark your calendar now. We have extra to share!

Next Sunday in RE: Age group classes. May Pole outside after the service if weather permits. OWL for 11 & 12 year olds will have 2 sessions today with a lunch break in between: at 10:00 in the Annex and at 12:00 noon in our main meeting room.

Today - Interweave Facilitated Book Chapter Discussion

Everyone is welcomed to come to Prairie's Annex following the service from 11:30-1pm to discuss the preface and first chapter of *None of the Above* by Travis Alabanza. We are planning to have childcare during the meeting.

Would you like to join our Covenant group at Prairie? We will have an informational meeting about joining next Sunday April 28th at 11:30 in the Annex. The group will not meet during the summer and will begin again in September. Our Covenant group members are Katrina Daly Thompson, Judy Lazarus, Paula Pachciarz, Ruth Ellen Saul and Ken Skog. Covenant Groups are small groups with up to 10 people who meet regularly to foster spiritual growth, build meaningful relationships, and engage in service projects. If you have questions please contact Ruth Ellen Saul.

Prairie Evening Potluck, Thurs April 25

You are invited to a Prairie Evening Potluck on Thursday, April 25 at 6 pm at Prairie's main building. There is no special occasion. Just friends sharing a meal. Please contact Patty Stockdale if you plan to attend.