

## "Resisting Tyranny" by Rev. Jim Foti

**6th Principle:** The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

### Order Of Service - June 23rd, 2024

**Prelude:** "Common Ground" music and words by Dean Schroeder. Performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker. Lyrics are shown on the back of this page.

**Welcome:** Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

**Chalice Lighting** by Rev. Gretchen Haley

Although there remains too much evidence  
of the world breaking apart  
at coastlines  
Congressional hearings  
and kitchen tables,

Inside the quiet places of your heart and mine  
there reside still  
the seeds  
the longing  
to return to this  
knowing  
that we belong to each other / this earth / this life

To re-member ourselves  
and all of our lost pieces  
Beloved in ways that cannot be undone

To dwell here in this healing  
This hope  
This wholeness  
is our practice of resistance

Even in rage we refuse  
to relinquish gratitude or joy  
Come, let us worship together.

**Opening Music:** #108 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" accompanied by Amber

**Story For All Ages:** "*Desmond Gets Free*" by Matt Meyer, illustrated by Khim Fam

**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:** "Resisting Tyranny" by Rev. Jim Foti

**Offering and Offertory:** Comptine d'un autre été:  
L'après-midi (Nursery rhyme from another summer: In  
the afternoon), performed by Amber

**Closing Words** by Rev. Joel Miller

Let our lives be a prayer  
That waters dry souls  
Mends broken hearts  
Refuses to be terrorized  
Seeks this world's beauty  
And carries us through its storms.

**Closing Music:** #159 "This is My Song" accompanied by Amber

### Announcements

**Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors**

**Brief Parish Meeting**



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## **"Common Ground" lyrics by Dean Schroeder**

Today we safely have gathered here  
But we know on this our common ground  
That some must live in the bonds of fear alone,  
but hoping to be found.

*(Chorus)*

Who are we? How can we be for them?  
Can we find in our hearts and our minds love and care?  
We are one with them now  
Let us pray that the light of the dawn will bring  
Unto them the shelter of grace once again.

'Tho love will warm our hearts today  
Still we know on this our common ground  
Are some who cold and in dark must live alone  
but hoping to be found.

*(Chorus)*

Let those without defense or voice  
Come and now in spirit with us be  
And let our hearts be as one with theirs  
And as one, live warm and safe and free.

*(Chorus)*

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**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.

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### **Reserved Accessible Parking Spots**

Prairie would like to designate at least two parking spots for accessible parking on Sunday mornings.

The first parking spot is right on the corner of Crawford & Whenona, and the second spot is further up on Crawford, providing direct access to our sidewalk ramp.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping these spots available for those who need them most. Thank you

## **Announcements**

### **Parish Meeting - Today**

The Nominating Committee previously announced our nominees for the Minister Search Committee:

Suzanne Gernandt  
Johanna Hatch  
Susan Herr-Hoyman  
Molly Plunkett  
Robin Proud

Today, as soon as the service ends, we'll have a brief Parish Meeting to take a vote to affirm these candidates.

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### **Next Sunday, June 30th - Vilas Zoo**

**Our congregation will meet at the Vilas Zoo instead of at Prairie.** We will not have a formal service; rather, we'll gather in the big white tent in the zoo between 9:30 and 10:00 to visit with each other before we disperse in small groups to explore the zoo and enjoy fellowship.

Consider carpooling. There are parking lots adjacent to the zoo near the North and South Entrances. Additional parking can be found on Vilas Park Drive (enter from Edgewood Ave) both west of the zoo and east of the zoo.

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### **Seeking Prairie Retreat Activity Leaders**

We are gearing up for our annual Prairie retreat which is again at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville, Sept 27-29th. Every year people lead activities (crafts, games, hikes, discussions, etc.) to enhance our retreat experience.

Please see Prairie's news of the week email for the link to the online Activities Survey or visit <https://tinyurl.com/24activityleader>

There are a few printed copies on the hymnal cart today as well. An initial schedule and registration will open in July. Hope to see you all there in September!

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### **Prairie Evening Potluck Thurs, June 27, 6pm**

Everyone is 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.