

"Active Hope: A Post-election Journey" by Mary Sue Reutebuch

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

Order Of Service - Nov 10th, 2024

Prelude: Pavane from Saint-Saens, performed by Amber

Welcome: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting by Carrie Newcomer from her essay, *"A Speed of Soul Thought-Love is Sustainable, Hope is Renewable"*

Love is sustainable, hope is renewable.

I want love to lead me and hope to sustain me. Anger and fear can be an animating force for a while. Indeed, if I'm not angry, troubled and concerned about the shadow of a gathering storm in our world, then I'm just not paying attention or spiritually bereft. But anger can only get us so far, fear motivates mostly in desperate ways.

When my actions are based in anger or fear, eventually, I'll either despair, become numb or burn out. But when I focus on what I love deeply and truly, when I align with the hope that grows out of faithful daily human size action, I ground myself in something sustainable for the long haul. Love creates an open space and breathing room for change. Fear closes down my willingness to risk and think in more open hearted and creative ways.

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Opening Music: "Bond of Union Song", music is inside the back cover of the gray hymnal, lyrics by Dean Schroeder, accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *Find Your Calm* by Gabi Garcia

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.

Meditation

Presentation: "Active Hope: A Post-election Journey" by Mary Sue Reutebuch

Offering and Offertory: Reverie by Mona Rejino performed by Amber

Closing Words by Carrie Newcomer from her essay, *"A Speed of Soul Thought-Love is Sustainable, Hope is Renewable"*

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Top down power is broken, but there is another power in the world. I have seen love connect what was disconnected, heal what seemed too damaged to heal. I've seen other people (and myself) do courageous, even heroic things for love. Nothing truly changes without love, nothing else really moves the dial. I imagine you have seen this too. It's a knowledge that can be trusted.

So today, and everyday, let this be my meditation:

Breathe in "Love sustains"

Breathe out "Hope renews."

Closing Music: #348 SLT "Guide My Feet", accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

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

Congregational Meeting - Minister Vote Tuesday, November 12th at 7pm via Zoom



- A congregational meeting to vote on hiring the ministerial candidate, Mary Sue Reutebuch, will be held Tuesday, Nov 12th at 7pm via Zoom.

- You may optionally attend the meeting in person at our Meeting House instead of on Zoom.
- If you are unable to attend via Zoom or in person on Nov 12th, please sign up to vote by proxy today after the service today.

Prairie's Fall Parish Meeting Sunday, Nov 24th

We'll start with a very short service starting at 10am in our Meeting House and then move right into the parish meeting. The agenda and meeting materials will be distributed soon.

Nominating Committee Announcement

A wonderful opportunity is now available for serving on Prairie's Committee On Ministry (COM). Please contact Heidi Hughes, Barbara Chatterton, Mary Franz, or Margit Moses if interested.

The COM serves as the sounding board for the minister for them to discuss ideas, and challenges. More details are in Prairie's email news of the week.

Prairie's 4th Quarter Offertory Sharing is Porchlight's Dwelling Intervention Grants & Sustenance program (DIGS) which provides eviction-prevention counseling and financial assistance to households facing eviction.

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Today - Sign up to Vote by Proxy

If you are unable to attend the congregational meeting to vote on hiring the ministerial candidate via Zoom or in person on Tuesday, Nov 12th, please sign up to vote by proxy today after the service .

Today - Visitor Orientation

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Want to meet a few more people? Then come to the Visitor Orientation today after the service. Please meet in the foyer by the welcoming table.

Today - Prairie UU Parents' Group (PUUPS)

Meeting today after the service. We'll enjoy a family pizza party, then parents will move upstairs for a check in and discussion while children play downstairs or in our backyard in childcare. Our ministerial candidate, Mary Sue Reutebuch, will join the discussion.

Next Sunday's Service: "A House Divided - Whither Thou Goest?" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

A reflection on our nation's division in 1864 and 2024. Where are we and where are we going as a nation? We also explore grief and grieving that may have been caused by the results of the Nov. 5th election.

Next Sunday in RE: Peer group classes including OWL for registered 5 & 6 year olds.

Prairie's 2025 Pledge Drive - Please Pledge Now

Our pledge goal is \$158,000 and we need more pledges to meet our goal. ***Keep in mind that your pledge payment can be made in the future.*** Many members auto-pay their pledge monthly throughout the year. To submit your pledge, please email our Finance Chair, Chris Porter at finance@uuprairie.org