



## "More Than a Kidney: A Community of Care" by Ari Lo

**Principle:** Being helpful and spreading kindness; **Value:** Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

### Order Of Service - March 30, 2025

**Prelude:** "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" by Rodgers, performed by Amber. Lyrics are on the back of this page. Please stay seated.

**Welcome:** Johanna Hatch

**Chalice Lighting:** a combination of quotes from Maya Angelou, John Lewis, Leo Buscaglia, Nelson Mandela, and Chief Dan George

It takes courage to be kind. It takes courage to spread kindness in a world where everyone is suffering in different ways—including you. But kindness can be a light in the darkness. Kindness is not just an act; it is a way of life, a commitment to sharing your light with others. Too often, we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or even the smallest act of care—all of which have the potential to turn a life around. The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention. When we care for one another, we create the world we wish to live in.

**Opening Music:** #1 SLT "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door" accompanied by Amber

**Story For All Ages:** *Should I Share My Ice Cream?* by Mo Willems, read by Karen Deaton

**Children's Recessional** by Joyce Poley, accompanied by Amber

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:** "More Than a Kidney: A Community of Care" by Ari Lo

### Discussion

**Offering and Offertory:** "I Won't Back Down" by Petty and Lynne", performed by Amber. Lyrics are on the back of this page. Please stay seated.

**Closing Words:** combination of two quotes from Brené Brown's book *Daring Greatly*

Courage is contagious. Every time we choose courage, we make everyone around us a little braver and the world a little better. And true belonging—the deep human desire to be part of something larger than ourselves—requires that same courage. Fitting in and seeking approval are hollow substitutes for belonging because true belonging only happens when we present our authentic, imperfect selves to the world which takes that courage. Our ability to truly belong can never be greater than our willingness to courageously accept ourselves.

**Closing Music:** #1021 SLJ "Lean on Me" accompanied by Amber

### Announcements

### Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

### Greet Your Neighbor

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## “Climb Ev’ry Mountain”

Climb ev’ry mountain,  
Search high and low,  
Follow ev’ry byway,  
Every path you know.

*Chorus:* Climb ev’ry mountain,  
Ford ev’ry stream,  
Follow ev’ry rainbow  
Till you find your dream.

A dream that will need all the love you can give  
Ev’ry day of your life for as long as you live.

*Chorus*

## “I Won’t Back Down”

Well, I won't back down  
No I won't back down  
You could stand me up at the gates of Hell  
But I won't back down

Gonna stand my ground  
Won't be turned around  
And I'll keep this world from draggin' me around  
Stand my ground  
And I won't back down.

Hey baby  
There ain't no easy way out.  
Hey, I will stand my ground  
and I won't back down

Well, I know what's right  
I got just one life  
In a world that keeps on pushin' me around  
But I'll stand my ground

Hey baby  
There ain't no easy way out.  
Hey, I will stand my ground  
and I won't back down

No I won't back down.

## Announcements

### **Today - Visitor Orientation**

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

### **Next Sunday "Poetry Share" by Prairie**

Bring your original poems or your favorite poems and we'll share (starting with 1 per person and if time additional per person).

*Potluck to follow the service.*

**Next Sunday in RE:** Cook&Learn: Easter, the Christian holiday. OWL for registered participants

### **Prairie Fall Retreat - Sept 26-28, 2025**

*Save the date* for Prairie’s annual Fall Retreat at Bethel Horizons from Friday evening, Sept 26th, through Sunday morning, Sept 28th, 2025. Registration details coming this summer/fall.

### **Prairie’s 1st Quarter Offertory Sharing**

The Catalyst Project, a mutually supportive community for single mothers and their children who have experienced homelessness.

### **Nominating Committee Seeking Volunteers**

We currently have three positions to fill by July:

- **Treasurer, Board of Trustees**
- **Secretary, Board of Trustees**
- **Nominating Committee Member**

Contact Nominating Committee members: Heidi Hughes, Barbara Chatterton, Margit Moses, and Karleen Tyksinski.

### **Prairie Auction Payment Reminder**

Please pay for your winning bids by **April 6** if possible. Pay online, bring a check to Prairie, or mail to: Prairie UU, 2006 Whenona Dr, Madison, WI 53711 Thank you!