



**"Celebrating the 3 R's: Rebirth, Renewal, and Resilience" by Mary Sue Reutebuch**

**7th Principle:** Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

**Value:** Transformation: We adapt to the changing world.

**Order Of Service - April 20, 2025**

**Prelude:** "Day by Day" by Ahnfelt/arr. Fettke, performed by Amber

**Welcome:** Mary Sue Reutebuch

**Chalice Lighting:**

"We found that trees could communicate, over the air and through their roots. Common sense hooted us down. We found that trees take care of each other. Collective science dismissed the idea. Outsiders discovered how seeds remember the seasons of their childhood and set buds accordingly. Outsiders discovered that trees sense the presence of other nearby life. That a tree learns to save water. That trees feed their young and synchronize their masts and bank resources and warn kin and send out signals to wasps to come and save them from attacks. "Here's a little outsider information, and you can wait for it to be confirmed. A forest knows things. They wire themselves up underground. There are brains down there, ones our own brains aren't shaped to see. Root plasticity, solving problems and making decisions. Fungal synapses. What else do you want to call it? Link enough trees together, and a forest grows aware."

— Richard Powers, author of *The Overstory*

**Opening Music:** #123 SLT "Spirit of Life" accompanied by Amber, movements led by Mary Sue

**Story For All Ages:** from the movie, *Fly Away Home*, based on the autobiography, *Father Goose* by Bill Lishman

**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:** "Celebrating the 3 R's: Rebirth, Renewal, and Resilience" by Mary Sue Reutebuch

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** "I Will Rise" by Tomlin/arr. Koerts, performed by Amber

**Closing Words:**

"You have given me a thing I could never have imagined, before I knew you. It's like I had the word "book," and you put one in my hands. I had the word "game," and you taught me how to play. I had the word "life," and then you came along and said, "Oh! You mean this."

— Richard Powers, author of *The Overstory*

**Closing Music:** #12 SLT "O Life that Maketh All Things New", accompanied by Amber

**Announcements**

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

**Greet Your Neighbor**

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## Announcements

### **Prairie's 2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing**

Leopold Community Assistance Network (CAN), which helps Leopold School families in crisis with eviction-prevention funds, housing entry fees, immigration resources, and other needs.

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### **Collection for Trans Youth**

Thanks to your generosity, Interweave—Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ folks and allies—donated \$330.68 to Southern Equality to assist trans folks.

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### **Just Dane Prisoner Re-entry Simulation**

Prairie's Social Action Committee encourages you to attend the Just Dane prisoner re-entry simulation. Participate as a new parolee. You don't have to be an actor. You just need to complete tasks that released prisoners must do. You might get Chris Porter as your parole officer!

**Date:** April 24th, 5:15 – 8:30.

**Location:** Madison College South Campus, 2429 Perry St, Madison. It's just off the beltline on Park St. Lots of parking is available.

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### **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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### **Today - Interweave, 11:30am**

Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ and questioning folks, as well as allies, are meeting in Prairie's annex after the Sunday service. Childcare will be provided downstairs in the RE space.

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### **Next Sunday "Dane County Humane Society" by Olivia Haseley**

Discover what DCHS does as a private, non-profit organization and how they help thousands of animals every year! We will also learn about and meet their corn snake, Ranger Jake.

**Next Sunday in RE:** No RE classes. No OWL workshops. We'll all be together in the Meeting Room to learn about the Humane Society and meet a snake!

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### **Nominating Committee Seeking Volunteers**

We currently have two positions to fill by July:

- **Treasurer, Board of Trustees**
- **Secretary, Board of Trustees**

If you're interested, any member of the Nominating Committee would be happy to talk with you and share full job descriptions.

Reach out to Heidi Hughes, Barbara Chatterton, Margit Moses, or Karleen Tyksinski. You can also speak with our current Treasurer, Chris Unger, or Secretary, Dan Proud, to learn more.

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