PRAIRIE U.U. SOCIETY October 22, 2000 10:00 am

<u>Prelude</u>: Variations on "Ode to Joy" played by Mike Briggs

Welcome: Warren Hagstrom, Program Chairperson

<u>Chalice Lighting and Meditation</u> Nancy Schraufnagel, Chair Denominational Affairs Committee

Children's Story: Birth of the United Nations

Ivmn #162: "Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield"

Celebrating the U.N.'s 55 Birthday: Part I

Reading # 468
Joys and Sorrows

Birthday, Part II Reading of "Affirmation" (back of sheet)

Birthday, Continued Hymn # 370: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Offering

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Announcements

Hymn #143: "Not in Vain the Distance Beacons"

Closing: # 475 Pat Watkins

In a world with so much hatred and violence, We need a religion that proclaims the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In a world of so much brutality and fear, We neeed a religion that sseeks justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

In a world with so many persons abused and neglected, We need a religion that calls us to accept one another and encourage one another to spiritual growth.

In a world with so much dogmatism and falsehood, we need a religion that challenges us to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

In a world with so much tyranny and oppression, We need a religion that affirms the right of conscience and the use of democratic process.

In a world with so much inequality and strife, We need a religion that strives toward the goal of world world with peace, liberty and justice for all.

In a world with so much environmental degradation, We need a religion that advocates respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

In a world with so much uncertainty and despair, We need a religion that teaches our hearts to hope, and our hands to serve.

by Scott Alexander

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