

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
Sunday July 20, 2003

Prelude

Welcome - Ken Skog

Chalice Lighting and Opening Words- Fran Zell
From "The Cure at Troy" by Seamus Heaney
(Translated from Sophocles' "The Philoctetes")

History says, Don't hope
On this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up
And hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change
On the far side of revenge.
Believe that a further shore
is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles
And cures and healing wells.

Moment of Silent Meditation

Hymn - Spirit of Life - Prairie Song Book #108 - Verse 1 only

Joys and Concerns

First Fiction: The Joy, the Pain, the Terror - Fran Zell

Discussion

Offering

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Hymn - I Love to Tell the Story - Prairie Song Book - Verse 1 and 3

Closing Words - Fran Zell

Mark Twain: "The difference between the right word and the nearly right word is the same as that between lightning and the lightning bug."

Greet Your Neighbor

Potluck and Long Range Planning Meeting Follows

May Sarton

“It always comes back to the same necessity: go deep enough and there is a bedrock of truth, however hard.”

Oscar Wilde

“I was working on the proof of one of my poems all morning, and I took out a comma. In the afternoon, I put it back again.”

Dr. Seuss

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.”

James Michener:

“I love writing. I love the swirl and swing of words as they tangle with human emotions.”

Isaac Bashevis Singer

“The wastepaper basket is the writer’s best friend.”

Dorothy Parker

“I can’t write five words, but that I change seven.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

“No writing has any real value which is not the expression of genuine thought and feeling.”

Ranier Maria Rilke

“Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far into the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.”

Tennessee Williams

“Life is all memory except for the one present moment that goes by so quickly you can hardly catch it going.”

Kyoko Mori

“I think that the best thing about being a writer is that we get to make up things and tell the truth at the same time.”

Joan Didion

“What’s so hard about the first sentence is that you’re stuck with it. Everything else is going to flow out of that sentence.”

John Updike

“The author is not only himself but his predecessors, and simultaneously he is part of the living tribal fabric, the part that voices what we all know, or should know and need to hear again.”

Emily Carr

“I think that one’s art is a growth inside one. I do not think one can explain growth. It is silent and subtle. One does not keep digging up a plant to see how it grows.”

John Fowles

“There are many reasons why novelists write, but they all have one thing in common: A need to create an alternative world.”

V.S. Pritchett

“I write to clear my own mind, to find out what I think and feel.”

Dr. Seuss

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Elmore Leonard

“I try to leave out the parts people skip.”

Mary TallMountain

“Wherever I can find a place to sit down and write, that is my home.”

Mark Twain

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