

# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, March 13, 2005

Prelude—Prairie Choir

Welcome—Dan Proud

Chalice Lighting & Opening Words

Hymn # 153 *Oh, I Woke Up This Morning\**

Representatives of All the Peoples

Recognition by Rosemarie Lester

Children's Song - *Shalom Havayreem*

Meditation—Judy Skog

Hymn # 136 *Where Gentle Tides Go Rolling By\**

Joys and Concerns

LET JUSTICE FLOW

Presented by Dan Proud

Hymn #157 *Step by Step the Longest March\**

Offering

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Hymn #197 *There Are Numerous Strings\**

Closing Words

\*stand as you are able

## **Announcements**

**Secret Friends Party** follows this service.

**Prairie Book Club** meets after the service downstairs.

**Housing and Property Committee** meets tonight at 6:00 at Prairie.

**Midlife Orphans discussion group** meets Tuesday, Mar. 15 (not Wednesday as stated in the Prairie Fire) at Prairie. Call 271-8218 to reserve a seat.

**Humanist Group** meets next Sunday.

**Midweek Meal @ Prairie** meets every Wednesday at 6:30 at Prairie. Bring food to share.

## **Calendar**

**Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.** Prairie Board meeting.

**Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.** Midlife Orphans discussion group at Prairie.

**Saturday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.** Playreaders at the home of Paula Pachciarz and Carl Wacker.

**Sunday, March 20, 10:00 a.m.** "Earth Day Intergenerational Program" led by Galen Smith and the R.E. Committee.

**Sunday, March 20, 11:45 a.m.** Humanist group lunch and discussion.

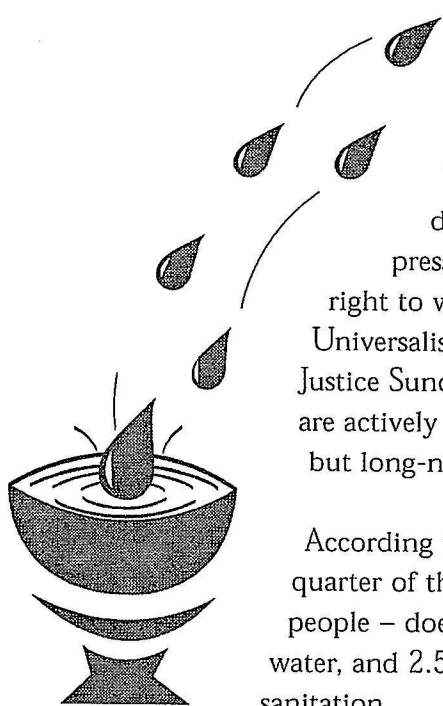
**Tuesday, March 22, 2:00 p.m.** Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood West.

**Thursday, March 24, 6:00 p.m.** Spanish Speakers potluck and meeting at Prairie.

**Sunday, March 27, 10:00 a.m.** "Celebrating Easter in Poetry and Prose"

# JUSTICE SUNDAY 2005

## Let Justice Flow: Defending the human right to water



On Justice Sunday, UU congregations nationwide join together to speak out for justice.

Today, your congregation is making a difference on an important and pressing humanitarian issue: the human right to water. By joining the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee to celebrate Justice Sunday, members of your congregation are actively promoting and protecting this basic, but long-neglected, human right.

According to the World Health Organization, a quarter of the world's population – 1.75 billion people – does not have access to safe drinking water, and 2.5 billion people do not have adequate sanitation.

The United Nations recently stated that water was not a commodity, but rather a basic human need. In the General Comment upon the Right to Water, the United Nations declared, "The human right to drinking water is fundamental to life and health. Sufficient and safe drinking water is a precondition for the realization of human rights."

Last year, the congregations that participated in Justice Sunday generated petitions that reminded our government of the need to hold corporations accountable for their role in human rights abuses abroad. By urging our government to protect the Alien Tort Claims Act, Justice Sunday participants helped defend the human rights of the people of Burma who suffer under an oppressive military regime that is aided and abetted by many corporations, some of them American.



# About UUSC

Founded in 1939 to rescue victims of Nazi persecution, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is an independent human rights organization whose work is grounded in UU principles and made possible by the activism and generous support of its more than 32,000 members and supporters.

Affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person, UUSC works to eradicate economic injustice, defend civil liberties and promote environmental justice by: engaging our members and supporters to be activists; partnering with communities and organizations confronting unjust power structures; and challenging oppressive policies in the United States and around the world

UUSC does more than relief and development work. Its partner groups focus on human rights – and utilize approaches often far more cost-effective in saving human lives than many others. Often it focuses on places where atrocities are taking place unchallenged.

The pursuit of justice is not something that can be accomplished by individuals or accomplished by congregations, nor by an organization like UUSC alone. Rather it is work done by many communities in partnership, each contributing something unique. Our 32,000 members and supporters make possible this partnership. Membership is our strength, affecting our influence in the U.S. and abroad as we advocate for justice and confront oppressive power structures. UUSC calls that “The Power of You & You.”



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For more than 60 years, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has been a leader in advancing human rights. Through partnerships, education and advocacy, UUSC creates opportunities for social change at home and overseas. The Service Committee works with grassroots partners in Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia, Africa and the United States to make a difference in people's lives and to educate U.S. opinion leaders, policy-makers and others about human rights issues. The Service Committee also helps U.S. citizens advocate for justice at the state and national levels, and in their home communities.

While the specific programs may change, the guiding principle of UUSC remains always to work for justice at home and throughout the world.



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