

# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

Sunday, December 11, 2005

The Rev. Jody Whelden

"May we who are gathered here be empowered by love to weave new patterns of truth and justice in a web of life that is strong, beautiful and everlasting." Barbara Wells, Unitarian

Prelude - Madeline Arnold

*Pachelbel's Canon*

Welcome - Rick Ruecking,

Membership Chairperson

Opening Words – The Rev. Jody Whelden

*We Are Saved by Hope -*

Reinhold Neibuhr – Founder of Christian Realism

Chalice Lighting – Leslie Pohl-Kasbau, Unitarian

"Flame of fire, spark of the universe  
that warmed our ancestral hearth -  
symbol of truth and freedom.

We strive to understand ourselves  
and our earthly home."

Moment of Silence

Hand of Friendship – Please stand as you are able and greet your neighbor

Hymn #244 – *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear\**

Doleta Chapru, Accompanist

Joys and Concerns

Responsive Reading – *Magnificat* -  
W. Frederick Wooten, Unitarian

Reading

Meditation

Musical Interlude – Doleta Chapru

Reflections - The Rev. Jody Whelden  
*Lighting Our Lives with Hope: The Christmas Message*

Discussion

Offertory – Doleta Chapru

Offering

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements  
(Additional announcements are in your order of service)

Hymn #245 – *Joy to the World*\*

· Closing Words - The Rev. Jody Whelden

\*stand as you are able

**Welcome to our Service!** We are so glad you are here. Please stay afterwards for fellowship. Our Presider this morning is Rick Ruecking, and the Coordinator (who gets everything ready for us) is Mary Mullen.

**Children and teens are downstairs** for the entire service. They are creating gifts! Visitors with children are welcome to bring their children to join in this activity or stay with us upstairs. Childcare is available also. **Our thanks to the musician** this morning, Doleta Chapru. The hymns were both written by Unitarian ministers

### **Announcements**

**Book Club** meeting is today after service, to discuss *Blood Done Sign My Name*.

**Christmas presents for Allied Drive** can be dropped off at Prairie until December 17. You can purchase gifts for all ages. See Barb Park for more details. Cash donations are also welcome.

**Cradle Club** is still accepting donations of baby items.

**Prairie Fire Deadline** is today. Please send items to [prouds@tds.net](mailto:prouds@tds.net)  
Next deadline is January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HumanLight celebration**, cosponsored by Prairie's Humanist Union and the Doubters Group of FUS, will be held at the Lower Meeting House of First Unitarian Society. It begins with a potluck at 6:00 pm, followed by a fun program including singing. Please RSVP to Bob or Barb Park. See <http://humanist.madisonwi.us/events.htm> for details.

**December 25 Service** will be an evening program of carols and readings.

## **Calendar**

**Sunday, December 11, 11:30 a.m.** Book Club meets.

**Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.** Midweek Meal @ Prairie.

**Sunday, December 18**

**9:00 a.m.** Choir Rehearsal.

**10:00 a.m.** Symbol Tree Intergenerational Service, led by Erin Bosch. You are invited to bring a symbol to place on the tree.

**Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.** Midweek Meal @ Prairie.

**Friday, December 23, 6:00 p.m.** HumanLight celebration at Lower Meeting House, First Unitarian Society.

**Sunday, December 25, 6:00 p.m.** Vesper service of carols and readings.

**January 1, 2006, 10:00 a.m.** New Year's Service led by Prairie youth.