

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, March 2, 2008

Prelude – *Swing Low* – Prairie Choir

Director – Barb Park, Accompanist – Doleta Chapru

Welcome – Rachel Long, President of Prairie

*Hymn #21 – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Accompanist Aileen Nettleton

Chalice Lighting – Bob Park

It is interesting to contemplate a tangled bank, clothed with many plants of many kinds, with birds singing on the bushes, with various insects flitting about, and with worms crawling through the damp earth, and to reflect that these elaborately constructed forms, so different from each other, and dependent upon each other in so complex a manner, have all been produced by laws acting around us. These laws, taken in the largest sense, being Growth with reproduction; Inheritance which is almost implied by reproduction; Variability from the indirect and direct action of the conditions of life, and from use and disuse; a Ratio of Increase so high as to lead to a Struggle for Life, and as a consequence to Natural Selection, entailing Divergence of Character and the Extinction of less improved forms. Thus, from the war of nature, from famine and death, the most exalted object which we are capable of conceiving, namely, the production of the higher animals, directly follows. There is grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one; and that, whilst this planet has gone circling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being evolved. (from *The Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin)

Moment of Silence

Joys and Concerns

Road to the Isles - a Scottish song, Rise Up Singing p. 154
Prairie Musicians

Presentation – “Evolution of Life on Islands”
Professor Thomas Givnish

Discussion

Offertory *Sayang, Sayang*, an Indonesian song -
Prairie Musicians

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service.

*Hymn #175 - *We Celebrate the Web of Life*
Accompanist Aileen Nettleton

Closing Words -

It is a century now since Darwin gave us the first glimpse of the origin of species. We know now what was unknown to all the preceding caravan of generations: that men are only fellow-voyagers with other creatures in the odyssey of evolution. This new knowledge should have given us, by this time, a sense of kinship with fellow-creatures; a wish to live and let live; a sense of wonder over the magnitude and duration of the biotic enterprise. – Aldo Leopold

*Please stand

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Thanks to all who participated in this service.

Announcements

Humanist Union will meet today at noon for potluck and a presentation by Professor Tom Givnish.

Prairie Fire deadline is today. Send items to admin@uuprairie.org.

Book Group will discuss *Timebends* by Arthur Miller on March 16.

Next week, John and Mary Franz will present ideas from the American Association for the Advancement of Science Conference. This is a gathering of scientists in all fields, with a strong emphasis on science and public policy. This year's theme was Science and Technology from a Global Perspective. There were multiple presentations about science education from preschool to citizen learning, about the need for involvement of scientists in social and political action, as well as about new knowledge in multiple scientific disciplines. John and Mary will mention a few new ideas and new things they learned.

Meditation sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 2, 9, 16, and 23 and at 11:45 a.m. on March 30. Everyone is welcome.

WOW (Women's group) will meet on Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Kathy Converse. Prairie women and friends are welcome.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 9, will be to review Part 1 of our long -range plan.

Calendar

Sunday, March 2

12:00 noon. Humanist Union potluck and talk by Prof. Givnish

7:00 p.m. Meditation

Monday, March 3

7:30 p.m. Membership & Hospitality Committee meets

Tuesday, March 4

7:00 p.m. "Building Your Own Theology" class

Saturday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Wild Outstanding Women (WOW) meets at the home of Kathy Converse

Sunday, March 9

10:00 a.m. "Science and Technology from a Global Perspective" presented by John and Mary Franz

11:30 a.m. Congregational meeting

7:00 p.m. Meditation

Thursday, March 13

7:00 p.m. Board meeting

Sunday, March 16

10:00 a.m. "Carl Sandburg: A Prairie Universalist" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Sunday, March 23

10:00 a.m. Easter Intergenerational Service

Tuesday, March 25

1:30 p.m. Prairie Elders meets at Oakwood West