

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, June 8, 2008

Prelude – *Flower Duet* from *Lakme* - Delibes, arr. W. Wallace
Prairie Musicians

Welcome – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Opening Words - *Flower Communion*

Enter into the communion of flowers.

Enter with joyful hearts. Enter with reverent thoughts.

It has taken long months beneath the cold ground for these flowers to
prepare their blooming.

It has taken each of us long times of growth through sorrow and joy to
prepare for our living now.

The blooming season is short; the flowers stay only a brief time.

We are travelers upon the earth: travelers through all too brief life times.

Therefore let our moments be bountiful. Let us rejoice in our unique
colors, aromas, and sounds.

Let us celebrate together in love; that as we travel away, we take with
us the memory of golden hours together among the flowers.

Elizabeth Strong

*Opening Hymn #128 - *For All That Is Our Life*

UU Heritage Chalice Lighting

Our Unitarian heritage bids us light our chalice

In the name of freedom,

In the light of reason,

In actions of tolerance.

We gather in community to celebrate a heritage of freedom, reason, and
tolerance.

Our Universalist heritage bids us light our chalice
In the name of faith,
In the light of hope,
In actions of love.

We gather in community to celebrate a heritage of faith, hope, and love.
Let us bring this Unitarian Universalist heritage into our world and our
lives today.

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

“The Story and Background of the Flower Communion” -
Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Discussion

Offertory - *Flowers of Edinburgh* - Traditional, Scotland

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

Flower Communion

Our hope in this community comes from the gifts we each freely give
one another. The gifts of time, talent, encouragement, hope and the gift
of money. By coming forward to the communion vase and taking with
you a flower, different from the one you brought, you will be affirming
that the gifts that we bring to this place are unique, valued and beautiful.
May you know that it returns to you in unexpected and exciting ways.
And may you know that no challenge is so great as to make beauty or
love impossible.

*Closing Hymn #352 - *Find a Stillness*

Closing Words -

It is worthwhile to live and fight courageously for sacred ideals.
Oh blow ye evil winds into my body's fire; my soul you'll never unravel.
Even though disappointed a thousand times or fallen in the fight and
everything would worthless seem, I have lived amidst eternity.
Be grateful, my soul, my life was worth living.
He who was pressed from all sides but remained victorious in spirit is
welcomed into the choir of heroes.
He who overcame the fetters giving wing to the mind is entering into
the golden age of the victorious.

Norbert Fabian Capek

Postlude - *Wild Mountain Thyme* - Traditional, Scotland, Ireland

*Please stand

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

Announcements

Prairie Fire will be published only once in July and once in August. Deadlines will be Sunday, July 13, for publication, Friday, July 18, and Sunday, August 10, for publication Friday, August 15.

June 15 program - We will meet at Prairie and spend the morning pulling garlic mustard at the Arboretum. This will be followed by a picnic potluck at Marlborough Park. For those who prefer not to pull garlic mustard, there will be an interactive discussion on "Getting to Know the DNR Website" at Prairie. This will be led by Anne Urbanski who works at the DNR.

Spanish Speakers will meet for potluck and conversation on Tuesday, July 8, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Amy Schulz, 2304 S. Syene Rd. For more information, contact Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382.

Calendar

Tuesday, June 10

7:00 p.m. Hospitality & Membership Committee meets

Sunday, June 15

10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Service Project

Wednesday, June 18

7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation

Sunday, June 22

10:00 a.m. "Sex, Religion, Politics, and the Law" presented by Andy Somers

11:45 a.m. Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 24

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

Thursday, June 26

7:00 p.m. Prairie Film Group meets

Sunday, June 29

10:00 a.m. "The My Lai Massacre" presented by Joe and Joann Elder

11:45 a.m. Congregational Review Part III