

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Prelude - "Oil of Barley," from the Dancing Master, 1650

Performed by Prairie Winds

Welcome - Rachel Long, President of Prairie

Opening Words - Galen Smith

Today our service celebrates Earth Day, which was founded on April 22, 1970, by Wisconsin's own governor and senator Gaylord Nelson. Gaylord Nelson wrote in 1967: "The same powerful forces which create the crisis of air pollution also are threatening our freshwater resources, our wildlife, and the scenic beauty of the nation. These forces are the rapid increase in population, industrialization, urbanization and scientific technology [Will our government] be adequate to cope with our own hell-bent drive to destroy our resources?" (quoted by Hugh Iltis)

Hymn #174 (SLT) - "O Earth, You Are Surpassing Fair"

Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice in honor of our Earth, on whose health all humans are totally dependent. As Chief Seattle said to President Pierce in 1854, "This we know: All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation

"Feeding the Hungry in the Face of the Global Economic Crisis"
presented by Dr. Florence Chenoweth

Discussion

Offering

Offertory- "Gavotte" by G. F. Handel
performed by Prairie Winds

Welcoming of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

(additional announcements are in your order of service)

Hymn - "The Garden Song," p. 52, Rise Up Singing
Doleta Chapru, accompanist

Closing Words - Galen Smith

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Many thanks to all who contributed to making this service possible. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Announcements

Prairie Book Club -- The Prairie Book Club is reading Michael Pollan's An Omnivore's Dilemma in April and discussing it after service today. This is an excellent book for those of you interested in the UUA's "Congregational Study Issue" on Ethical Eating. For May 24th, the selection is Loving Frank, by Nancy Horan, and the selection for June 21st is Nickel and Dimed, by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week, May 10-17, 2009 -- This is the week that Prairie teams up with Midvale Lutheran to help host homeless families. Please consider helping out. You can call Erin Bosch for more information about IHN (238-6285,) or you can go to the website for an explanation of the IHN jobs: www.midvalelutheran.org/ihnjobs.htm, and you can sign up online by going to this address and clicking on "IHN Sign-up" <http://www.midvalelutheran.org/> Thank you for your support.

Special Event: Indian Human Rights Activist Father Thomas Pallithanam to speak -- On Wednesday, April 22nd, at 7pm, Fr. Pallithanam, a lawyer and Salesian priest who has dedicated his life and work to helping the poor in India will be speaking at Prairie. He is director of the People's Action for Rural Awakening, a NGO in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, India, that works for the rights of the Dalits (commonly known as untouchables.) Pallithanam's work has branched out to help Dalit farmers, land laborers, women and children. PARA also houses a boarding school where child laborers are taken out of the streets to receive an education and to learn ways to better themselves. Pallithanam will talk about PARA, his activist work, which spans throughout India and beyond, and the recent religious violence in the northern state of Orissa. The event is free but donations to PARA are appreciated. For more information on the event call Rebecca at 608-695-3435 or email at malkerm@yahoo.com .

Your input needed for Mother's Day Service! -- Jim Reilly will be presenting a program of music by for and about women on Mother's Day, May 10th. The program will include readings related to women and motherhood. Jim welcomes the audience to contribute some of the readings. Please let Susan Herr-Hoyman know if you are interested in providing a reading.

Spring Parish Meeting, Sunday, May 3rd, 2009

Please plan to attend Prairie UU Society's spring parish meeting. Potluck lunch begins at 11:30, and childcare will be provided. The agenda is posted at the back of the meeting house, but will feature election of new officers, approving the budget, program and Prairie Fire surveys, and more. Detailed reports on the budget and other items will be available shortly via Prairie News and other sources.

Spanish Speaker's Potluck -- Monday, April 20, 2009, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Mary and Andy Somers, 4467 Crescent Rd, Fitchburg. Please call 273-8397 for directions or more information.

Prairie Calendar

Sunday, April 19, 2009

10:00 am - RE service project.

11:45 am - Board meeting. Potluck lunch begins at 11:45, meeting begins at noon.

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan.

12:30 pm - Food, Faith, and Earth Day event at First United Methodist. Please contact Judy Skog for more information.

Monday, April 20, 2009

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's potluck at the home of Mary and Andy Somers.

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

7:00 pm - Presentation by Father Thomas Pallithanam, human rights activist of India.

Sunday, April 26, 2009

9:00 am - Choir rehearsal.

9:00 am - RE committee meets.

10:00 am - service - "Ending Hunger in Our Lifetime," presented by Bob Mohelnitzky.

11:45 am - All-Society Potluck.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic is Health Care in the US.

Friday, May 1, 2009

Prairie Fire Bulletin calendar item deadline.

Sunday, May 3, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Curing Nature Deficit Disorder," presented by Sam Dennis.

11:30 am - Prairie Spring Parish Meeting. Potluck begins at 11:30, meeting begins at 11:45.

3:00 pm - Humanist Union joint meeting with Madison Skeptics, presentation by Prof. Ronald Numbers.

Saturday, May 9, 2009

9:00 am - WOW meets at Prairie for breakfast potluck.

Sunday, May 10, 2009

9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal.

10:00 am - service - "Women Composers; or, Who was Hilda Neupert?," presented by Jim Reilly.

11:45 am - Hospitality committee meets.