

# **PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, May 24, 2009**

**Prelude** - Sarabande, by Handel  
Prairie Instrumentalists

**Welcome** - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

## **Opening Words**

We gather this morning to remember and honor those who have gone to war and those who have gone to war and not returned home. We bring the gaps in our lives left by those to whom our indebtedness is so great. Words cannot define our lives, but they enable us to reach out to each other, to share and to listen, that we may be renewed, connected, and uplifted.

**Hymn #96 (SLT)** - "I Cannot Think of Them as Dead,"  
Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

## **Chalice Lighting**

For Memorial Day

In honor of all those who have given and to those who have given their all.

In recognition of the gifts and sacrifices they have made on our behalf,  
And in our sincere hopes that we may be worthy of their memory and devotion,  
We light our chalice and give our thanks.

## **Silent Meditation**

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Responsive Reading #720** - We Remember Them

**Presentation** - "Minding the Gaps in Our Lives," by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

## **Discussion**

**Offering**  
**Offertory-** Dona Nobis Pacem  
Prairie Instrumentalists

**Welcoming of Guests and Visitors**

**Prairie Announcements**  
(additional announcements are in your order of service.)

**Lighting Candles of Remembrance for Those Who Died in Service to our Country**

**\*Hymn #159 (SLT) - "This is My Song,"**  
Aileen Nettleton, accompanist

**Closing Words**

Let us remember, the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces,  
and we hope for their safe return.

We also acknowledge that there are women and men who will not return,  
we grieve their dying,  
we honor their service and their sacrifice.

Let us on this Memorial Day remember and acknowledge loss  
as we remember those who have lost their lives serving our Nation.

As our love grows stronger; as our hope grows deeper;  
as our yearning for peace spreads out across the land;  
May our courage grow to make Peace more everlasting.  
So May It Be.

\*Please stand as you are able.

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*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

### **Book Club to meet May 24th**

Prairie's Book Club is currently reading Loving Frank by Nancy Horan, and will discuss it after the service today over potluck lunch. The book for June is Nickel and Dime, by Barbara Ehrenreich, and will be discussed June 21st.

### **Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI) and All-Prairie Book Read**

At the 2008 General Assembly, the delegates voted on the current CSAI, "Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice" which our congregation should be involved in study and action on until 2112, when, after refinements and alterations it will come before the General Assembly to be voted on as the UUA's next Statement of Conscience. As part of Prairie's participation in this ongoing study, we will be having an "All-Prairie Book Read," culminating in the August 2nd Sunday Service at which we will all discuss the book The Omnivore's Dilemma, by Michael Pollan. (You can get a copy of the book at the library; even using the library's "hold" system you should get a copy within 1-2 weeks.)

The purpose of the CSAI process is to provide the member UUA congregations with an opportunity to mobilize energy, ideas, and resources around a common issue, thus providing a deeper understanding of our religious position on the issue, and giving congregations a greater capacity to take effective action on the issue and then resulting in a clear statement of UU policy which will be expressed in our later Statement of Conscience.

### **Save the Dates!**

June 24-28, 2009 UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City.

July 26, 2009 - Joint UU Service at Sauk City

August 2, 2009 - All Prairie Book Read service, The Omnivore's Dilemma

August 8, 2009 - Potluck Picnic for the Herr Hoyman family at Wingra Park.

## **Prairie Calendar**

### **Sunday, May 24, 2009**

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss Loving Frank.

### **Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic is Major Life Lessons.

### **Sunday, May 31, 2009**

10:00 am - service - "The Zen of Gardens and Gardening," presented by Mary Mullen.

11:30 am - Joint board meeting and potluck.

2:30 pm - Humanist Union picnic.

### **Sunday, June 7, 2009**

10:00 am - service - "Found: Nuggets of Wisdom from District Assembly," presented by Prairie members.

### **Monday, June 8, 2009**

6:30 pm - Spanish Speakers Potluck, at Prairie.

### **Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

7:00 pm - Housing and Property committee meets at Prairie.

### **Saturday, June 13, 2009**

9:00 am - WOW (Prairie Women's Group) meets at Prairie for breakfast potluck.

### **Sunday, June 14, 2009**

10:00 am - service - "Flower Communion - Summer is Acomin'," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

### **Thursday, June 18, 2009**

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Everything is Illuminated." Please bring snacks.

### **Sunday, June 21, 2009**

10:00 am - service - "The Changing Landscape of Fatherhood," presented by a panel of Prairie Fathers.