



"Valentine's Day, Love & Chocolate" by Renee Deschard

Monthly theme: Love

UU Principle: First Principle

Order Of Service - February 12th 2023

Prelude: "Amor Preparami" by A. Scarlatti, performed by Amber

Welcome and Announcements: Barb Park

Chalice Lighting by Maureen Killoran

Love is the aspiration, the spirit that moves and inspires this faith we share.

Rightly understood, love can nurture our spirits and transform the world.

May the flame of this chalice honor and embody the power and the blessing of the love we need, the love we give, the love we are challenged always to remember and to share.

Story For All Ages: [Hedgehugs](#) by Steven Wilson and Lucy Tapper read by Renee Deschard (she/her)

Children's Recessional: by Joyce Poley

As you go on your way, may you be filled with gladness.

Go in joy, go in joy!

May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.

Go in love, go in love.

Presentation: "Valentine's Day, Love & Chocolate" by Renee Deschard (she/her)

Chocolate Meditation

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: "Salut d'Amour" by Elgar, performed by Amber

Closing Words by David Richo

What makes us human beings so uniquely wonderful in this puzzling universe is that we never give up on love.

Against all odds, with no guarantee of being loved in return, out of the hate and hurt so often handed us, in the face of the sad suffering history has let us see, we go on loving.

What deep respect we deserve for this capacity of ours to make love out of anything and to let it last.

Closing Music: "Can't Help Falling In Love" by Elvis, accompanied by Amber, lyrics are on the back of this page

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



Announcements

For the first quarter of 2023, Prairie will share its offertory collection with JustDane, which runs Healing House, a place where homeless families can stay while a family member recovers from surgery. JustDane also helps people returning to the community from prison with problems like finding housing, a difficult task for anyone with a record.

Write Postcards Today

Today after the service, join the Social Action Committee in the annex to write postcards encouraging people to vote in the upcoming spring primary, which is Feb. 24.

Spanish Speakers' Potluck is meeting at Prairie's Annex on Wednesday, February 15th at 3:00 p.m. The group is open to all who wish to practice their Spanish. Please bring a food item to share.

Prairie's Guys Group is gathering at the Prairie's Meeting House on Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all interested members and friends. For more information please contact Dan Proud or Andy Garst

In remembrance of Evelyn May Kain we will hold a memorial service in her honor on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m at Prairie's Meeting House. Please join us in person or on Zoom as we celebrate the life of this extraordinary person. There will be food served afterwards.

Prairie Spring Auction Save the Date!

Prairie's Spring Auction will be on Sunday, March 19th at 10:00 a.m. Start thinking about what you can donate and watch for more info in Prairie News and Views!

Lyrics for "Can't Help Falling in Love"

Wise men say
Only fools rush in
But I can't help falling in love with you

Shall I stay?
Would it be a sin
If I can't help falling in love with you?

Like a river flows
Surely to the sea
Darling, so it goes
Some things are meant to be

Take my hand
Take my whole life, too
For I can't help falling in love with you

Like a river flows
Surely to the sea
Darling, so it goes
Some things are meant to be

Take my hand
Take my whole life, too
For I can't help falling in love with you
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Service: Sunday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.

"Listening to Marginalized Voices" by Prairie's Interweave Members

Members of Interweave (Prairie's group for LGBTQIA+ folks and allies) will participate in a "Fishbowl activity," which will require the rest of us to listen actively to their experiences and perspectives. While this fishbowl will feature queer and trans folks and allies, we hope that the listening skills we will practice will also aid us in open-hearted, non-defensive listening to other marginalized voices.