



## "Tough Love" by Rev. Matt Aspin

Monthly theme: Love

UU Principle: 1st - The inherent worth and dignity of every person

### Order Of Service - February 26th 2023

**Prelude:** #151 SLT "I Wish I Knew How"  
performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

### Welcome and Announcements

**Chalice Lighting:** "Let us Look First to the Response of Love" by Maureen Killoran

In these hard times, let us look first to the response of love.

In the midst of challenge, may our chalice flame bear witness to the inherent worth and dignity of every human being.

In the midst of uncertainty, may our chalice be a beacon of encouragement, that our values may guide our choices.

Let us look first to the response of love.

**Opening Music:** "There is More Love Somewhere" arranged by Clif Hardin, performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

**Story For All Ages:** *Love Grows Everywhere* By Barry Timms read by our Director of Religious Exploration, Alice Mandt (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.

### Silent Meditation

**Presentation:** "Tough Love" by Rev. Matt Aspin

### Discussion

**Offering and Offertory:** "April Come She Will" by Simon and Garfunkel, performed by Ron Frye

**Closing Words:** "May Our Lives" by Chris Rothbauer

May our lives be reflections of the beauty, peace, and joy that is possible in the world,

and may the love we find in this place sustain us as we go our separate ways.

**Closing Music:** "We Shall Not Be Moved" by Mavis Staples, performed by Ron Frye

### 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. And this is only part of what JustDane does. Thank you for supporting the important work of this agency!

### **PUUPs (Prairie Unitarian Universalist Parents) Group Meeting Today after the Service**

The whole group (children, parents/caregivers, and childcare volunteers) will start out the afternoon together for lunch. Cheese pizza will be provided and everyone is encouraged to bring a salad/side or dessert to share. After lunch the parents and caregivers will head over to the Prairie's Annex for conversation and fellowship while the children and childcare volunteers will enjoy activities in the RE space.

### **Prairie Spring Auction**

#### **Sunday March 19th at 10:00 a.m.**

The annual Prairie Spring Auction takes place in late winter/spring each year and is one of Prairie's major fundraisers. Members and friends offer food, events, services, and other activities and items to each other for a price, and the proceeds go to Prairie. The Spring Auction is a fun way to share experiences and raise money for Prairie. It's also an amazing time to learn about the many hidden talents among Prairie's members, families, and youth. Please watch Prairie News for more information, ideas, and a link to the online form to enter your auction donations. There are also paper copies of the form here today.

## Announcements

### **Service: Sunday March 5, 10:00 a.m.**

#### **"Perfectly Imperfect" by Rev. Matt Aspin**

We live in a society that worships perfection, but a church built around the altar of perfection creates nothing more than a big, empty house.

### **Soup Sunday: March 5th, 11:30 a.m.**

Our next Soup Sunday is after the service on Sunday, March 5th. Please start thinking about what you'd like to bring to share. A signup link will be sent to Prairie News. Suggested donation \$5 for adults. Visitors, newcomers, and kids always eat for free.

### **Parish Meeting - Sunday March 12th 11:15 a.m.**

We will be having a brief Parish Meeting right after service on Sunday, March 12th, to elect 2 Board Members to fill incomplete terms. The Nominating Committee is announcing the following candidates:

Vice President - Karen Deaton

At Large Member - Molly Plunkett

Karen would be completing the term vacated by Lynn Currie, ending June 30, 2024.

Molly would be completing the term vacated by Karen Deaton, ending June 30, 2024.

Please stay after service for just a few minutes to vote. We will need at least 31 members for a quorum. Thank you.

- Rachel Long for the Nominating Committee