



## "Miracles of Spring" by Ilene Haykus

Monthly theme: Resistance

### Order Of Service - April 9nd 2023

**Prelude:** "Spring Song" from *Songs without Words*  
by Felix Mendelssohn performed by Karlos Moser

**Welcome and Announcements:** Mary Mullen  
(she/her)

**Chalice Lighting:** by Dillman Baker Sorrells

For holy days on which we recall the old stories,  
we light the flame.

For Passover which reminds us of the courage and  
strength of those seeking freedom in the past, we  
light the flame.

For Easter which reminds us that love is our  
greatest challenge, we light the flame.

For gathering today in this sacred space, we light  
the flame.

For the opportunity to be together as a  
community, to remember the past, to plan for our  
future, to be alive in our present.

**Opening Music:** #44 SLT "We Sing of Golden  
Mornings" accompanied by Karlos

### Silent Meditation

**Presentation:** "Miracles of Spring" by Ilene  
Haykus

Related to two of the six Sources of UUism: Wisdom  
from the world's religions which inspires us in our  
ethical and spiritual life; Spiritual teachings of  
Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred  
circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the  
rhythms of nature.

### Discussion

**Offering and Offertory:** "Rustle of Spring"  
by Christian Sinding performed by Karlos

**Closing Words:** by Amy Bowden Freedman, Keith  
Kron

Become aware of the hands that you are holding:  
their warmth, texture, and weight.

As an infant, these same hands reached out for  
the nourishment of milk.

As a child, these hands shakily wrote a name on  
paper for the first time.

These hands have wiped away tears, clenched in  
anger,

waved hello and good-bye countless times, and  
embraced loved ones.

And now these hands are the tangible link that  
connects us to one another.

Look and see those around you who have  
experienced so much that is life.

These hands have worked, are working, and will  
work to make the world a better place.

Go in peace; go in love; work for justice.

Go forth and bless the world.

**Closing Music:** #61 SLT "Lo, the Earth Awakes  
Again" accompanied by Karlos

### Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

### Greet Your Neighbor



### **Announcements**

#### **2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing: Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development**

For the second quarter of 2023, Prairie is sharing its offertory collection with the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development, which provides peer support to men returning to the community from prison through its Reentry and Dignity Housing programs. Nehemiah also mentors kids who need help navigating school and life and offers an acclaimed course for the general public, "Black History for a New Day."

#### **Spring Parish Meeting, May 21st 10:00 am**

Please save the date for our Spring Parish Meeting on Sunday, May 21st at 10:00 am. Agenda and committee reports will be distributed prior to the meeting.

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#### **Prairie UU Society Bond of Union**

We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another.

### **Announcements**

**Service: Sunday, April 16, 10:00 am by Rev Matt**

#### **Service: Sunday, April 23, 10:00 am "Federal Funding Makes Clean Energy More Affordable for All" by Kathryn Kuntz**

Kathy Kuntz, Director of Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change will talk about the funding available to make climate action more affordable. This is the best of all possible times to think about solar, an electric vehicle and other clean energy technologies! Kathy will describe how homeowners, renters, landlords, businesses and nonprofits can leverage federal funding to be part of the clean energy future.

#### **Visitor Orientation Today**

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Want to meet a few more people? Then, come to the Visitor Orientation immediately after service today. We'll meet in the foyer by the Welcoming Table.