



"A Walk on the Wild Side" by Prairie RE
Monthly theme: Resistance

Order Of Service - April 30th 2023

Prelude: "Wonderful, Wonderful, World" from Three Songs of Nature, words and music by Jerry Estes, performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

Welcome & Announcements: Alice Mandt (she/her)

RE Play: "A Walk on the Wild Side" begins

Chalice Lighting:

This is the church of the open mind
This is the church of the helping hands
This is the church of the loving heart
Together we work for peace and justice in the world

Opening Music: #1064 SLJ "Blue Boat Home"
accompanied by Carl Wacker

Offering and Offertory: "The Itsy Bitsy Spider"
lyrics will be shown on the front screen

Introduction of the children

Closing Music: "Earth Day We Celebrate", composed and recorded by the Big Prairie RE kids with Sean Smart

Lyrics for "Earth Day We Celebrate"

Chorus

Earth Day we celebrate
This is our home not just a place
Take care of everything
Not Just The Human Race
Earth Day we celebrate
We need to stop the climate change
Plant trees, don't kill the bees
Electric cars and recycling

Lyrics for "Earth Day We Celebrate" continued

Listen to recorded

Verse 1 (Rap-style spoken word)

Earth day is every day
We gotta help in every way
To make our world a better place
For the plants, animals, and every race

Trees give us oxygen
Bees help move pollen
Do your best to recycle
Ride Electric cars or bicycles
Everything that we do has impact
What if we keep taking but never give back
What if we build on top of the habitat
We need the best parts of our planet back
Everything that we do has impact
What if we keep taking but never give back
What if we build on top of the habitat
We need the best parts of our planet back

Chorus - join in!

Listen to Verse 2 (Sung)

When we aaaaall work together
It aaaaall gets better
You can count on me
Mother Earth on 1, 2, 3
Mother Earth!
When we aaaaall work together
It aaaaall gets better
You can count on me
Mother Earth on 1, 2, 3
Mother Earth

Join in calling out:

Mother Earth, Mother Earth, Mother Earth,
Mother Earth, Mother Earth, Mother Earth
Mother Earth

Chorus - join in!

Then listen to spoken-word coda

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors



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."

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.

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Celebrate Mary Frantz's 100th Birthday Today

Please stay after the service today for an informal birthday celebration with cake.

Maypole Ceremony Today: Please go outside to enjoy your birthday cake and participate in our annual tradition with music and maypole dancing in our front yard.

Spring Parish Meeting Next Week - May 7th

Our Spring Parish Meeting is next Sunday, May 7th. We'll have a brief service with the parish meeting starting at 10:15 am. Please check Prairie News for meeting materials including the agenda, committee reports, and the meeting minutes from the Fall Parish Meeting. Printed copies will also be available on May 7th.

Service: Sunday, May 14, 10:00 am "Reclaiming the Feminine Divine" by Ilene Haykus

As Unitarian Universalists we are committed to inclusivity. This is evident in our Welcoming Congregation initiatives, as we work to remedy society's marginalization of those in the LGBTQ community. Our commitment to social justice goes back even further as UU women experienced empowerment long before those in other faiths. Today, we'll explore a bit of women's herstory that predates the modern age and continues to be relevant to us all.