



"Celebrating our Children" by Prairie RE

Monthly theme: Delight

Order Of Service - June 4th 2023

Prelude: #361 SLT "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Welcome: DRE Alice Mandt

Chalice Lighting: "Children's Chalice Lighting"

Read and gestures performed by RE kids

This is the church of Open Minds (*Touch your hands to your head, then open them outward.*),

This is the church of Helping Hands (*Hold your hands out in front of you, palms up.*),

This is the church of Loving Hearts (*Cross your hands flat over your heart.*),

Together we care for our earth and work for friendship and peace in our world. (*Reach hands out in front of you to hug the "earth"*).

Opening Music: "Happy" by Pharrell Williams performed by Kira Andrae

Story For All Ages: *Oh, The Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss. Read by our Director of Religious Exploration, Alice Mandt

Reading: "This Milestone of Your Life" by Rita Capezzi

No matter how far you travel,

No matter if you don't travel at all,

You are on the cusp of a new life.

People will have expectations of you.

People you love will have expectations of you, both spoken and unspoken.

This you already know.

May you know, too, that you carry within you a spark of the universe creating itself.

That spark connects you to all that is—to all that was and all that will ever be.

That spark is always there in you:

always there, bringing you into being; always a force of creativity and possibility, especially when the expectations of others overwhelm or disappoint you.

When you doubt yourself or feel afraid;

when you fail, as we all do at times,

Remember that spark—always there sustaining and revitalizing you, like the love you find in this religious community.

We are always a home for you. Your community is here for you.

Blessings upon you and upon this milestone of your life.

Reflective Music/Interlude: Excerpts from "Black River Ballad" and "Old Joe Clark" performed by Miles Andrae

Offering and Offertory: Musical slide show with kids' pictures.

RE Volunteer Appreciation

Closing Words: "Go Boldly" by Jean M. Olson

May you be brave enough to expose your aching woundedness and reveal your vulnerability.

May you speak your deepest truths, knowing that they will change as you do.

May you sing the music within you, composing your own melody, playing your song with all your heart.

May you draw, paint, sculpt, and sew, showing the world your vision.

May you write letters, poetry, biography, slogans, graffiti, the great novel, laying bare your words to love and hate.

May you love even though your heart breaks again and again.

And until the end of your days, may your life be filled with possibilities and courage

Announcements

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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."

Service: Sunday, June 11, 10:00 am "Rainbowland" by Interweave

Rainbowland presentation grounds our committee in Queer history, current events and joy. Come to learn, honor and celebrate all the colors of our Rainbowland. Interweave is a Prairie UU community of Queer individuals and friends that come together to share our stories to build connections and break down oppressions by affirming the lives and experiences of Queer folks.

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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This Sunday - Maypole & Soup Sunday

After the service today we'll try one more time to have our Maypole Ceremony! If the weather cooperates, we'll have music and maypole dancing in our front yard.

We'll need a few volunteers to stay inside to set up tables, move chairs, and prep service for Soup Sunday. Suggested donation \$5 for adults. Visitors, newcomers, and kids always eat for free.



Visitor Orientation Next Sunday

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