



"Moving Towards Balance" by Rev. Matt Aspin

3rd UU Principle-Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

Order Of Service - June 11th 2023

Opening Music: [I'm Not Alone](#) by Anat Halevy Hochberg & Aly Halpert

I forgot for a minute who I belong to:
the Mama Earth, the wind and rain
the beauty and the pain.
I'm not alone.
For me the world was created.
I'm not alone.
To dust I will return.

Welcome & Announcements: Lynn Currie

Chalice Lighting: #662 Strange and Foolish Walls by A. Powell Davies

The years of all of us are short, our lives precarious.

*Our days and nights go hurrying on and there is
scarcely time to do the little that
we might.*

Yet we find time for bitterness, for petty treason and evasion.

*What can we do to stretch our hearts enough to
lose their littleness?*

Here we are – all of us – all upon this planet, bound together in a common destiny,

*Living our lives between the briefness of the
daylight and the dark.*

Kindred in this, each lighted by the same precarious, flickering flame of life, how does it happen that we are not kindred in all things else?

*How strange and foolish are these walls of
separation that divide us!*

Silent Meditation

Story For All Ages: [The Good Egg](#) by Jory John and Pete Oswald

Presentation: "Moving Towards Balance" by Rev. Matt

Discussion

Closing Music: [We Are](#) by Dr. Ysaÿe Barnwell

Closing Words: #593 Liberation is Costly by Desmond Tutu

Liberation is costly.

Even after the Lord had delivered the Israelites from Egypt, they had to travel through the desert.

*They had to bear the responsibilities and
difficulties of freedom.*

There was starvation and thirst and they kept complaining.

They complained that their diet was monotonous.

Many of them preferred the days of bondage and the fleshpots of Egypt.

*We must remember that liberation is costly. It
needs unity.*

We must hold hands and refuse to be divided. We must be ready.

*Some of us will not see the day of our liberation
physically.*

But those people will have contributed to the struggle.

*Let us be united, let us be filled with hope, let us
be those who respect one another.*

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Virtual Coffee Hour: small groups for general chatting



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."

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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.

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Service: Sunday, June 18, 10:00 am "Summer Reads" by Prairie

At this Sunday's service, everybody will have an opportunity to share a book recommendation. We will compile a list of the recommendations to share. You may [click here](#) to enter your book recommendation online.

Service: Sunday, June 25, 10:00 am "Trust Pregnant People" by Johanna Hatch

In this presentation, we will review the rights and restrictions of pregnant people in Wisconsin both before and after the Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health decision which recriminalized abortion in Wisconsin approximately one year ago.

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