



"Flower Ceremony 100th Anniversary" by Prairie

Order Of Service - July 9th 2023

Prelude: "Next to Me" by Emeli Sandé performed by Renee Deschard

Welcome: Robin Proud

Chalice Lighting: by Jennifer McGlothin

As the first hint of green begins to peek through the barren ground
As that little sprig grows into a healthy stem
As that stem grows into a stalk and forms a bud
As that bud slowly opens with each new day
To form a yellow daffodil
Let us be, like that first hint of green, renewed by the warm of the sun's rays
And ready to emerge with a new energy, ready to face the day.
We light this chalice to bring a glimmer of that warmth into our space.

Opening Music: #66 SLT "When the Summer Sun Is Shining" accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: [The Story of Flower Communion](#)
Story and animation by Gretchen Haley, Illustrated by Steve Sedam, music by Siddhartha Corsus

Youth Invited to Share Flowers

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.

Guided Meditation: Embrace Summertime by Tris Thorp

[The Story of Norbert Čapek's Flower Ceremony](#)

by Teresa Schwartz, David Schwartz

Presentation: "Norbert Capek and Prairie's Connection," by Robin Proud

Offering and Offertory: "To a Wild Rose" by Macdowell performed by Amber

Reading: #723 "Flower Communion Prayer," by Norbert Capek

Our hope in this community comes from the gifts we each freely give one another. The gifts of time, talent, treasure, encouragement, and hope. By coming forward to select a flower, different from those you brought, you will be affirming that the gifts that we bring to this place are unique, valued and beautiful. May you know that it returns to you in unexpected gifts and moments of generosity. And may you know that no challenge is so great as to make beauty or love impossible.

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Closing Music: #1067 SLJ "Mother Earth, Beloved Garden" verses 1, 2, and 5, accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



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3rd Quarter Offertory Sharing: Heart Room

For the third quarter of 2023, Prairie is sharing its offertory collection with Heart Room, a collaboration between families that have been homeless, Orchard Ridge UCC, and The Road Home. The money we contribute will be used for rental assistance for the families, who are working to achieve stability with the help of many partners. Heart Room gave a presentation at Prairie in March.

Visitor Orientation - Today

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

PUUPs Group Meeting - Today

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Parents (PUUPs) Group is 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 continue conversation and fellowship while the children and childcare volunteers enjoy activities in the RE space.

MOSES General Monthly Meeting - Today 2:30pm

Madison Organizing in Strength, Equity & Solidarity (MOSES) is meeting today from 2:30-4:30 in Prairie's meeting house. Topics at this general meeting will include a report on Peer Counseling in the Dane County Jail and a public health report by Charlie Daniels on reducing the use of fentanyl in the community. There will also be a chance for everyone to participate in our racial equity circles, which take place at every MOSES general meeting. Come at 2 p.m. for a chance to mingle with others before the meeting. All are welcome!

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Service: Sunday, July 16, 10:00 am "The Last Freie Gemeinde: The Free Congregation of Sauk County" by Nick Schweitzer

Scores of Freie Gemeinde (Freethought Societies) were established by German immigrants to the U.S. starting around the middle of the 19th century. The Free Congregation of Sauk County (FCSC) appears to be the last one remaining. Nick Schweitzer will present its past history, its present situation, and some prospects for its future.

Humanist Union Meeting - July 16th

Q&A with Nick Schweitzer following his morning presentation to Prairie UU Society on The Last Freie Gemeinde: The Free Congregation of Sauk County. For background see Free Congregation of Sauk County History. We will start with a potluck lunch at noon in Prairie's annex. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Service: Sunday, July 23 10:00 am Joint Service with Free Congregation of Sauk County in Sauk City

Each year on the fourth Sunday in July, Prairie UU Society and the Free Congregation of Sauk County meet at Sauk for a shared service. Note that the service starts at 10:10am. There will be a potluck with food served afterwards inside the building.

Indoor service: 307 Polk St, Sauk City. It is a pleasant drive of about 30 minutes from the west side of Madison. Feel free to carpool.

Childcare: Childcare will be provided outside if the weather is nice. Otherwise it will be indoors.

Virtual option to listen: The link will be posted on the morning of the service on the FCSC website at 10am <https://www.freecongregation.org/home.aspx>