



**"The Last Freie Gemeinde: The Free Congregation of Sauk County" by Nick Schweitzer**  
**3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations**

**Order Of Service - July 16th 2023**

**Prelude:** Johannes Brahms, "Feldeinsamkeit" from 6 Lieder, Op. 85 performed by Karlos Moser and John Wunderlin

**Welcome:** Dirk Herr-Hoyman

**Chalice Lighting:** "There does not exist a man-made doctrine which we must learn by heart that shall henceforth be our law. Nor shall the authority of old traditions be a standard for us - be this authority called Veda, Talmud, Koran or Bible. Reason, which we recognized as our highest and only law-giver, commands us to be free." - Mathilde Franziska Anneke - German-American Feminist, Journalist, Educator, and Author

**Opening Music:** #300 SLT "With Heart and Mind" accompanied by Karlos

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** "The Last Freie Gemeinde: The Free Congregation of Sauk County" by Nick Schweitzer

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Johannes Brahms, Intermezzo Op. 117, No. 1 performed by Karlos

**Closing Words:** #680 SLT by Barbara Pescan  
Because of those who came before,  
we are;  
in spite of their failings,  
we believe;  
because of, and in spite of the horizons of their vision,  
we, too, dream.

**Closing Music:** #291 SLT "Die Gedanken Sind Frei" accompanied by Karlos

**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.

**2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing**

Our second quarter shared Sunday offering donated \$950.62 to Nehemiah Center. Thank you for your generosity!

**Retreat Activity Leaders Needed**

We are gearing up for our annual Prairie retreat which is again at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville, September 29th-October 1st.

Every year people lead activities (crafts, games, hikes, discussions, etc) to enhance our retreat experience.

If you are willing to lead (or co-lead) an activity, please fill out the online form sent to Prairie News by August 5th. There are also paper copies of the form on the hymnal cart today. Questions? Please contact Renee Deschard, Nancy Wunderlin, Karen Deaton or Alice Mandt

**Announcements**

**Service: Sunday, July 23 10:10 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. Prairie's contributions to the potluck will be welcome. Sauk suggests the following food assignment according to last name. Last name beginning S-Z: entree dish; beginning L-R: salads or bread; A-K desserts. This is not a strict assignment.

**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>

**Humanist Union Meeting - Today**

Q&A with Nick Schweitzer following his morning presentation. We will start with a potluck lunch at noon in Prairie's annex. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Interweave Meeting Today**

Interweave, Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ and questioning folks, as well as allies, will meet today after the service. All are welcome.