

"Poetry Share" by Prairie

Order Of Service - July 30th 2023

Prelude: Das Butterbrot (Bread and Butter) by Mozart performed by Amber

Welcome: Renee Deschard

Chalice Lighting by Deanna Vandiver

We light this chalice—symbol of our faith alive in this world—
naming our vision of collective liberation,
and daring to re-member each other into beloved community.

Opening Music: #320 SLT "The Pen Is Greater" accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *Thanku: Poems of Gratitude* edited by Miranda Paul

Invite Youth and RE volunteers to share poems

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.

Silent Meditation

Presentation: Poetry Share

- 1 poem per person, if time we'll have a second round

Moment of Reflection

Offering and Offertory: "Flower Duet" from Lakme, by Delibes arr. Wallace performed by Amber

Closing Words: "Thankful for Thinking" by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

There's no telling the places our brains can take us
Or ways in which our thoughts can shape us-
Smart and happy or creative,
Brave, elated, innovative,
There's no telling the people our dreams will make us!

Closing Music: #328 SLT "I Sought the Wood in Summer" 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.

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

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Service: Sunday, Aug 6 10:00 am "What Happens When We Die?" by Ilene Haykus

Unitarian Universalism has neither dogma nor creed. We are not asked to believe based on blind faith, but to inquire deeply. During today's service, we will explore one of life's great mysteries: what happens after we die? Does a personal soul survive the death of the body or is this single lifetime all there is? How might the answer to that question inform choices and behaviors?

Prairie Safety Meeting - Today

Please attend a safety meeting today at noon in the Meeting House to share your concerns about the safety of all of us when we attend Prairie functions. Discussion will include medical emergency protocols, shooter preparedness, fire drills, and more. Led by Randy Converse, Chair of Housing and Property

Salad Sunday - Next Sunday, Aug 6th

It's too hot for soup! Let's have a Salad Sunday including refreshing main dishes (we'll still have Mac & Cheese for the kids). Bring your best recipe - or just your presence - and join us after service on Aug 6th for a potluck meal. Suggested donation \$5 for adults. Visitors and kids always eat for free. Watch for the signup in Prairie News.