



## "Ingathering" by Prairie

### Order Of Service - September 10th 2023

**Prelude:** La Folia by trad./arr. Corelli, performed by Amber

**Welcome:** Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

**Chalice Lighting:** by Gregory Pelley

And so we gather, from the ebb and flow of our lives

Thirsty for connection to ourselves

Thirsty for connection to others

Thirsty for connection to the larger life.

As we light this chalice

May all who gather here be filled:

Filled with joy and hope

Filled with compassion and love

Here, may we be filled

So that we may pour ourselves out  
into the world.

**New Member Recognition:** Lynne Siegfried, Kate Mulligan, Karen Smith, and Mary Michele Clark  
(Lyrics for "Consider Yourself" are on the back of this page)

**Story For All Ages:** *Higgins: A Drop With A Dream*  
by Christopher Buice, read by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

### Ingathering/Water Communion

Relates to our 7th UU Principle - The

Interdependent Web of which we are all a part

**Offering and Offertory:** "Shall We Gather at the River" by Lowry, performed by Amber

**Closing Words:** "All Rivers Run to the Sea" by Kayle Rice

It starts with a drop, Then a trickle... A burble, a rush of water, bubbling toward its destination; And finally the wide, endless sea. All rivers run to the sea. Today you brought water Poured it into a common bowl. Though our experiences have differed, These waters mingle, signifying our common humanity. Today you came And shared in this sacred community. May you depart this sacred space, Hearts filled with hope for new beginnings; A fresh start. Go forth, but return to this community, Where rivers of tears may be shed, Where dry souls are watered, Where your joy bubbles, Where your life cup overflows, Where deep in your spirit you have found in this place a home. All rivers run to the sea.

**Closing Music:** #1064 SLJ "Blue Boat Home" 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.

#### **Lyrics for "Consider Yourself"**

Consider yourself at home  
Consider yourself one of the family  
We've taken to you so strong  
It's clear we're going to get along

Consider yourself well in  
Consider yourself part of the family  
We have so much to share  
It's plain we definitely care!

If it should chance to be  
We should see  
Some harder days  
In need of a friendly way  
Why groan?  
There's always a chance we'll meet  
Others who will give a hug  
With kindness, warmth, and love.

Consider yourself our friends  
We don't want to have no fuss  
For after some consideration, we can state  
Consider yourself  
One of us!  
Consider yourself  
One of us!

### Announcements

#### **Service: Sunday, Sept 17th 10:00 am "Unitarian Universalism and the Belief in God" by Ilene Haykus**

In Many UU congregations, the word "God" has almost become taboo. Today, we'll explore what the concept of God means to us, why it may be important to acknowledge this religious belief and how it can help us understand who we are, where we came from and how we relate to each other and the world.

#### **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.

#### **RE Volunteer & Teacher Orientation - Today, 11:30 - 1PM**

Please join Alice Mandt, Director of Religious Exploration, for the second offering of an orientation & training for all Religious Exploration volunteers both new and experienced! This meeting will explain and clarify policies & procedures, and will give the entire group skills and inspiration for our work over the coming year!

#### **Retreat Registration - closing soon!**

There are plenty of day passes available as well as camping spots. Please see Prairie News for the link to register online for our retreat Friday Sept 29th to Sunday Oct 1st. Registration closes Sept 12th.

#### **Circle Dinner Signups**

Circle Dinner Groups consist of Prairie UU Society Members and Friends who meet about once a month to share a meal. Please signup by September 13. Signup sheets are in the foyer and see Prairie News for online registration.