



## "On Gratitude" by Ilene Haykus

**UU 4th Principle:** A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

### Order Of Service - November 12th 2023

**Prelude:** Occhio Nero Incendiator by Donizetti,  
performed by Amber

**Welcome:** Barbara Chatterton Frye

**Chalice Lighting** by Katie Sivani Gelfand

We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude  
as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.

In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength for one  
another,  
and offer our crop with the hands of compassion and  
generosity.

In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,  
we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.

May we be grateful for the ways we nourish and uplift  
each other,  
For it is the sharing of this hallowed time together that  
sustains us.

**Opening Music:** #128 SLT "For All That is Our Life"  
accompanied by Amber

**Guest At Your Table Kickoff**

**Story For All Ages:** *Gracias/Thanks* by Pat Mora

**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](#) by Susan Frederick-Gray

**Presentation:** "On Gratitude" by Ilene Haykus

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** "Come, Ye Thankful People,  
Come" by Alvey, performed by Amber

**Closing Words** by Myke Johnson

It is always good to give thanks! All that we have is a gift  
from life: our food, our relationships, our shelter from  
the cold. And when we give thanks, it is always good to  
be mindful of all people, and notice those who are  
suffering and do what we can to ease suffering and  
change its causes. Today we give thanks, and we  
explore suffering. We must always do both together, so  
that our hearts are strong for the journey.

**Closing Music:** #331 SLT "Life Is The Greatest Gift of  
All" accompanied by Amber

**Announcements**

**Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors**

**Greet Your Neighbor**

## Announcements



### **4th Quarter Offertory**

**Sharing:** The Catalyst Project, a mutually supportive community for up to 3 single moms and their children who have experienced homelessness.

Participants have access to collaborative problem solving, trauma informed mentoring, and therapeutic intervention. The project's founding principle is that the wisdom of those mistreated by our society is essential to creating a society that serves all its people.

### **Sunday, Nov 19th Fall Parish Meeting**

We'll have a very short service and then move right into the parish meeting. We'll hear about the findings from the Transition Team and vote on next year's budget. The agenda and meeting materials were sent to Prairie News. Per our bylaws, we need 30% of membership present for a quorum. Please plan to attend.

### **Adult Exploration Program**

**What:** Advance Care Planning, Led by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

**When:** Wed, Nov 29, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Prairie Meeting Room

**Why:** Advance care planning is more than filling out an Advance Directive document. It's about a conversation that helps equip your agent to make decisions for you if you're in a position where you can't speak for yourself. Discussing whether or when to be resuscitated (CPR); if or when you would want to be ventilated; what kind of people, music and lighting you would want to be surrounded by when approaching death are conversation topics when completing an Advance Directive. If you do not have an Advance Directive this program is for you.

**Register:** Please contact our admin, Nancy, at [admin@prairieuu.org](mailto:admin@prairieuu.org) or 608-271-8218 to register

## Announcements

### **Visitor Orientation - Today**

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

### **Holiday Cards for Inmates - Today**

After service today we will have holiday cards for folks to offer good seasonal wishes and to be delivered to people currently in Dane County jail. We will have samples and just need a few minutes and your good thoughts. Join us in the lobby after service.

### **PUUPs - Today**

PUUPs (Prairie UU Parents' Group) will meet today after the service. Families will enjoy pizza together downstairs, then parents will meet upstairs from 12 to 1 for a check-in and discussion on the topic of Holidays (religious traditions, extended families, etc).

### **Joint Service at James Reeb UU: Sunday, Nov 26th**

We are having a joint service held at James Reeb UU Congregation on 2146 E Johnson St, Madison, WI 53704 with a potluck to follow the service. There will not be a service at Prairie on Nov 26. There will be an option to join virtually.

Service description: "Gratitude, Generosity...and Unlearning Colonization" by Rev. Karen Armina

Thanksgiving weekend is complicated. This morning, we'll explore how we might acknowledge the mourning of our indigenous siblings and challenge the myths that have been created and perpetuated by the colonizers of this land, while still practicing the generosity that's come to be associated with this season.