

"Brighter Skies and Better Days" by Rob Brink
2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations

Order Of Service - April 28th 2024

Prelude: "Moonmen" by Carubia, performed by Amber

Welcome: Barb Park

Chalice Lighting

On a clear night,
with an average eye,
a single candle is visible from over a mile and a
half-away.
You don't have to be big to make a difference.
Just shine.

Opening Music: #131 SLT "Love Will Guide Us"
accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: [Little Mole Finds Hope](#) by Glenys
Nellist, illustrated by Sally Garland

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: "Brighter Skies and Better Days" by Rob
Brink

Offering and Offertory: "It's Only a Paper Moon" by
Arlen, performed by Amber

Closing Words by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose
infinite hope."

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Maypole Celebration





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Prairie's 2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing is with Willma's Fund, which provides assistance to homeless members of Dane County's LGBTQ+ community. This is in keeping with one of Prairie's social action focuses: homelessness.

Prairie Annual Fall Retreat - Save the Date
Please save the date for our annual fall retreat at Bethel Horizons starting the **evening of Friday, Sept 27th through Sunday morning Sept 29th, 2024.**

The retreat provides an opportunity for everyone to share meals and join together in nature walks, crafts, discussion groups, games, dancing, singing, meditation and more. The highlights of the weekend are the Talent Show on Saturday night and the Sunday morning service featuring a "key log ceremony."

UUA General Assembly Delegate Vote Survey
If you are a Prairie Member, you should have received an email on April 23rd with a link to an online survey. There are a few printed copies on the hymnal cart as well. This 7 question survey will advise our 3 delegates how to vote at the virtual UUA General Assembly on June 20th-23rd. **The deadline to complete the survey is May 9th.** If you have questions, please contact our admin, Nancy Wunderlin or our Board Vice-President, Renee Deschard.

Next Sunday May 5th, 9:00am Congregational Discussion
In preparation for our Spring Parish Meeting on May 19th, we've scheduled a congregational discussion for next Sunday morning before the service starts. Childcare will be provided. There is no choir practice this morning.

Spring Parish Meeting Sunday, May 19th
We'll have a short service and then move right into the parish meeting. There will be voting on forming a ministerial search committee, and a presentation of the updated mission vision statements previously reviewed by the board and congregation. Watch Prairie News for agenda and meeting materials. Please plan to attend.

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Maypole Ceremony Today: After the service please go outside to participate in our annual tradition with music and maypole dancing in our front yard (weather permitting)..

Covenant Group Informational Meeting Today:
Would you like to join our Covenant group at Prairie? Please join us for an informational meeting about joining today in the annex. The group will not meet during the summer and will begin again in September. Our Covenant group members are Katrina Daly Thompson, Judy Lazarus, Paula Pachciarz, Ruth Ellen Saul and Ken Skog. Covenant Groups are small groups with up to 10 people who meet regularly to foster spiritual growth, build meaningful relationships, and engage in service projects. If you have questions please contact Ruth Ellen Saul.

Next Sunday, May 5th "Muslims on the Margins: Creating Queer Religious Community in North America" by Katrina Daly Thompson
The turn of the twenty-first century ushered in a wave of progressive Muslims, whose modern interpretations and practices transformed the public's perception of who could follow the teachings of Islam. In this talk about their most recent book, Katrina tells the story of their even more radical descendants: nonconformists who have reinterpreted their religion and created space for queer, trans, and nonbinary identities within Islam.

Next Sunday in RE: Cooking day. Children age 10 and under will work together to make a treat for the potluck. OWL for 11 & 12 year olds will have 2 sessions in the Annex today: One at 10:00 am, then a lunch break, then a second workshop at noon.

Next Sunday, Potluck Sunday
Join us after the service next Sunday for a potluck meal and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. We'll need volunteers to help set up and clean up. All are welcome!