

**Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society**  
**Order of Service – Association Sunday, October 4, 2009**

Prelude –

Welcome – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Consulting Minister

Opening Words:

As we enter this space , made special by our presence, Let us renew both our commitment and our vision:

*May our hopes be uplifted again in this community of multiple backgrounds and beliefs..*

There are those among us who have struggled with hardship in the past week;

*May they find renewed strength in this community of faith.*

There are those among us who have wrestled with questions that seem to have no answer in the past week;

*May they find sanctuary during their search in this community of seekers.*

There are those among us who have cherished an unexpected joy in the past week;

*May their rejoicing be shared by all.*

As we commit to continue our free and responsible search for Truth, may we covenant to honor the many paths that have led us to this beloved community.

*So may it be.*

\*Opening Hymn #145 (SLT) “As Tranquil Streams”

Lighting the Chalice:

May this light that we now kindle

Inspire us to use our powers to heal and not to harm

To help and not to hinder

To bless and not to curse

To serve in the cause of justice

To search for our path toward fulfillment and wholeness.

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Presentation: Rev. Ralph

Discussion

Special Offering for our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

Offertory –

May our hope in this community come from the gifts we each freely give one another.

The gifts of time, talent, treasure, encouragement, and hope.

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

Hymn # 121 “We’ll Build a Land”

Closing Words: We have a calling in this world: We are called to honor diversity, To respect differences with dignity, And to challenge those who would forbid it. We are people of a wide path. Let us be wide in affection And go our way in peace. So may it be