

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## Reflection on Renewal

April 8, 2012



### Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** "Open My Heart," by Henry S. Flurry. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

**Greeting and Announcements:** Rick Ruecking

#### **Opening Words #626 (SLT) Life Again**

Out of the dusk a shadow,  
Then, a spark.  
Out of the cloud a silence,  
Then, a lark.  
Out of the heart a rapture,  
Then, a pain.  
Out of the dead, cold ashes,  
Life again.

**\*Hymn #61 (SLT):** "Lo, the Earth Awakes Again," accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

#### **Chalice Lighting #447 (SLT):**

We light this chalice  
for the wonder everyone sees  
in everyone else they see,  
and the wonders that fill  
each minute of time forever.  
-Walt Whitman, adapted

#### **Silent Meditation**

#### **Story for All Ages**

#### **Singing the Children Out**

#### **\*\*Joys and Concerns**

#### **\*\*Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

#### **Meditation on Spring, Easter, Rebirth, and Renewal.**

**Offering & Offertory:** "Viene Spirito Creatore," by Jacques Berthier. Performed by the Prairie Choir.

**\*Hymn #377 and #378 (SLT):** Sung to the music of 371. Accompanied by Aileen Nettleton.

#### **Closing Words:**

We extinguish the chalice here  
that it might glow gently in our hearts.  
May it light your path  
as you leave this place.  
May it guide your way  
until we are together again.  
-Martha L. Munson

#### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*please stand as you are able.

\*\*please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.

### Announcements

**Green Note:** How much money could you save by growing a garden? The website <http://www.thedailygreen.com/> has a link to an article called "The \$600 Garden Vegetable You Can Grow," which lists the savings of growing common veggies versus buying them conventionally, organically, and locally.

**Neighborhood Easter Egg hunt!** Join Prairie's RE for a Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers through 6th grade. All kids in the neighborhood are welcome!

**Easter Brunch Potluck Today!** Join your family and family of friends after the service today for Easter brunch after the service. Everyone is welcome!

**Christian-Pagan Dialogue** Join in this two part interfaith dialogue series at Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society with George Hinger, Roman Catholic, and Selena Fox, Pagan.

**Spring Cleanup Day** Prairie's H&P committee will have a Spring cleanup on Saturday, April 14, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Let Dirk Herr-Hoyman know if there is some specific activity you feel should be done.

**Bylaws Meetings** As most of you know, on February 19<sup>th</sup> our society passed a set of new bylaws that will go into effect July 1, 2012. There are still a few issues we didn't have time to resolve. There will be congregational meetings on April 22 and May 6 to discuss additional amendments for potential passage at the Parish Meeting on June 3. Please submit any changes to Rachel Long by email, mail, or in person at Prairie.

**The Prairie Elders** will meet on Tuesday, April 17, from 1:30 to 3:20pm at the Nakoma Room, Heritage Oaks Building, Oakwood Village West. The topic of discussion will be "Changes in our Values, Concepts and Philosophy of Life over our Lifetime."

#### **Prairie UU Society Bond of Union**

*We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world, and with one another.*

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### Prairie Calendar

#### **Sunday, April 8, 2012**

10:00 Service - "Reflections on Renewal."  
10:15 Easter Egg Hunt  
11:30 Easter Brunch

#### **Sunday, April 15, 2012**

10:00 Service - "The Power of Letting Go - Making Life Easy 101," presented by Dean Hinmon.

#### **Monday, April 16, 2012**

7:00 Prairie's Board meets

#### **Wednesday, April 18, 2012**

7:00 Christian-Pagan Dialogue: Convergence

#### **Sunday, April 22, 2012**

10:00 Service - "The Cat in the UU Hat: Dr Seuss and the 7 Principles," presented by Robin Proud.  
10:00 RE Service Sunday – Neighborhood Cleanup  
11:45 Congregational Bylaws Meeting

#### **Wednesday, April 25, 2012**

7:00 Christian-Pagan Dialogue: Collaboration

#### **Friday, April 27, 2012**

Prairie's Spring Retreat begins

#### **Sunday, April 29, 2012**

Prairie's Spring Retreat ends. NO SERVICE OR RE at Prairie's Meeting House

#### **Sunday, May 6, 2012**

10:00 Service 10:00 a.m. "Keeping the Unified Field in Consciousness in a Distracting World of Sound and Fury," presented by Dean Hinmon.  
11:45 Congregational Bylaws Meeting

#### **Saturday, May 12, 2012**

Spring Fling

#### **Sunday, May 13, 2012**

10:00 Service  
10:15 RE Service Sunday  
11:15 Soup Sunday  
12:30 Humanist Union meets

#### **Sunday, May 20, 2012**

10:00 Service  
11:30 Supporting Aging Parents support group

#### **Sunday, May 27, 2012**

10:00 Service  
10:00 RE Game Day

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### **Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations**

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

### **Next week's service:**

"The Power of Letting Go - Making Life Easy 101," presented by Dean Hinmon.

