

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## “Environmental Ethics and the Interdependent Web,” by Matt Tedesco.

April 27, 2014



### Today's Order of Service

**Prelude:** “Wonderful, Wonderful World,” by Jerry Estes.  
Sung by the Prairie Choir.

**Welcome and Announcements** – Rev. Sandra Ingham

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

**Opening Words:**

"The ethic of reverence for life recognizes no such thing as a relative ethic. The maintenance and enhancement of life are the only things it counts as being good in themselves. All destruction of and injury to life, from whatever circumstances they may result, are reckoned by it as evil."  
– Albert Schweitzer, 1923

**\*Hymn #207 (SLT):** “Earth Was Given as a Garden,”  
accompanied by Phil Nelson.

**Chalice Lighting:** International Chalice Lighting

Our loving, free faith has a part to play,  
A vision to uphold, and a call that sounds  
From sea to sea to sea.  
If you are here this morning,  
You are called to the ministry of all to all  
To make heaven here on earth  
Now, in this place, on this planet  
For all people.  
– Allison Barrett, Canadian Unitarian Council

**Story for All Ages:** “Mama Miti,” read by Rick Ruecking.

**Singing the Children Out:** Farewell Good Friends

**\*\*Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** “Environmental Ethics and the Interdependent Web,” by Matt Tedesco.

**Discussion**

**Offering & Offertory:** “Heaven in a Wild Flower,” music  
by Bill Douglas, text by William Blake.

**\*Hymn #174:** “O Earth, You Are Surpassing Fair”

**Closing Words:**

"There is as yet no ethic dealing with man's relation to land and to the animals and plants which grow upon it. Land, like Odysseus' slave-girls, is still property. The land-relation is still strictly economic, entailing privileges but not obligations."  
– Aldo Leopold, 1949

**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:** Tread lightly! Use public transportation, carpool, walk, or bike whenever possible to reduce air pollution and save on fuel costs. Leaving your car at home just two days a week will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 1,600 pounds per person per year. (www.epa.gov)

**The memorial service for Pat Watkins** will be held on Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 am at First Unitarian Society.

**The Prairie Book Club** will meet on Sunday, April 27, after the service to discuss *Final Salute: The Story of Unfinished Lives* by Jim Sheeler. *Final Salute* was recommended by Pat Watkins.

Prairie's Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18, after the service and Soup Sunday. Agenda items include electing officers, a Treasurer's report, and a small change to the bylaws.

**Mark your calendars for the annual Prairie Family Retreat** at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville, WI, June 6 - 8. This is a great time for Prairie members to connect with each other in a less hurried environment, have a chance to play, sing, talk, or just linger over coffee. Phyllis Long (plong373@gmail.com, 608-325-7397) is coordinating the program and is looking for volunteers to lead programs. Kate Liu (kgliu311@gmail.com 238-9153) will be the registrar this year, coordinating rooms and meals and whatnot. Registration forms and an information sheet will be available shortly. Closer to the actual retreat dates, final schedules for programming will be available.

**Spanish Speakers Potluck** will be held on Monday, April 28, at 6:30pm at Prairie. Contact Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more info.

### **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 27, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – “Environmental Ethics and the Interdependent Web,” by Matt Tedesco  
11:30 Prairie Book Club meets  
11:30 By-laws change discussion

#### **Monday, April 28, 2014**

6:30 Spanish Speakers Potluck at Prairie

#### **Saturday, May 3, 2014**

9:00 PrairieWOW meets  
11:00 Memorial Service for Pat Watkins at FUS

#### **Sunday, May 4, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – “I forgive you. Please Forgive me.” by Rev. Sandra Ingham  
11:30 By-laws change discussion  
12:00 Humanist Union meets  
5:30 Prairie Men's Group meets

#### **Sunday, May 11, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – Mother's Day Tribute by Celia

#### **Sunday, May 18, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – “Julia Ward Howe,” by Robin Proud.  
11:30 Soup Sunday  
12:00 Spring Parish Meeting

#### **Sunday, May 25, 2014**

8:45 Choir rehearsal  
10:00 Service – “Tying Rocks to Clouds,” presented by author William Elliot

#### **Sunday, June 1, 2014**

10:00 Service – Transition Sunday

#### **Friday, June 6, 2014**

5:00 Prairie's Family Retreat begins

#### **Saturday, June 7, 2014**

8:00 Prairie's Family Retreat continues

#### **Sunday, June 8, 2014**

10:00 Key Log Ceremony at Bethel Horizons.  
**No service at Prairie's Meeting House.**

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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:**

“I forgive you. Please forgive me.” by  
Rev. Sandra Ingham.

