

Sunday Service
6/13, 2010

FAREWELL LITANY

For Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, ending his Consulting Ministry

June 2010

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Leader:

Our congregational family is constantly changing. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and congregational life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share this time of **farewell** with Rev. Ralph who is leaving.

Leader:

On Nov. 1, 2006, **Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society** invited Rev. Ralph to serve as our **Consulting Minister**.

Minister:

I thank **Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society**, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last four years. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted and for the good things we have been able to accomplish together. I ask forgiveness for any mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

All who are present:

We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept the fact that you now leave to embark on the way of retired ministers. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We too ask your forgiveness for any mistakes we have made. Your influence on our lives and living will not leave us at your departure.

Minister:

I accept your gratitude, and forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are worthy of a justice seeking and spirit giving congregation.

Leader:

Do you, Rev. Ralph, release this congregation from turning to you and depending on you as a **minister**?

Minister:

I do, with the help and guidance of all that can be freely given and gratefully received.

Leader:

Do you offer your encouragement for the continued shared ministry here and for the relationship this congregation will develop with another who will come to serve after you?

Minister:

I do, with the help and guidance of all that can be freely given and gratefully received.

Leader:

For remembered times when we, together, have shared the spirit of fulfilling values of congregational life, we express our sincere gratitude. We thank you for the moments we have shared with you and wish you the best as you go forward on your life's journey.