

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Prelude – *Careless Love* – Sung by Carl Sandburg

Welcome – Rachel Long, President of Prairie

Opening Words -

As we gather together this morning,

May we recognize and reaffirm

The options of possibility that await our actions,

The bits of good -- we bring.

May we encourage rather than control;

Love rather than possess;

Enable rather than discourage.

Each of us is indispensable

If we are to minister to a broken and wounded world.

Together, in our gathered diversity, may we reaffirm a

Beloved Community.

*Hymn #358 - *Rank by Rank Again We Stand*

Doleta Chapru, Accompanist

Chalice Lighting -

Blessed is the fire that burns deep in every soul. It is the flame of the human spirit touched into being by the mystery of life. It is the fire of reason; the fire of compassion; the fire of community; the fire of justice; the fire of our laboring; the fire of faith. It is the fire of love burning deep in the human heart; the gracious glow in every life.

Moment of Silence

Joys and Concerns

Reading from *Timesweep* by Carl Sandburg

Presentation - "Carl Sandburg, A Prairie Universalist?"
presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Discussion

Offertory – *I Ride an Old Paint* - sung by Carl Sandburg

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Prairie Announcements

Additional announcements are in your order of service.

*Hymn #128 - *For All That Is Our Life*
Doleta Chapru, Accompanist

Closing Words -

Let us be mindful of the highest aspirations of
all the people, bound by our common humanity and moved by our
deepest hopes,

And, yet, beginning with ourselves as we are,

Let us take one more step, together,
in our unending quest for dignity, justice and truth.

Postlude – *We'll Roll Back the Prices* – sung by Carl Sandburg

*Please stand

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Thanks to all who made this program possible.

Announcements

Prairie Fire deadline is today. Please send items to prouds@tds.net or admin@uuprairie.org.

Book Club meets today for potluck lunch and discussion of *Timebends*.

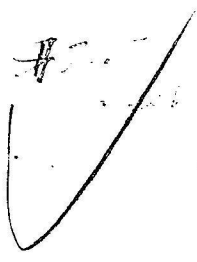
Meditation sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 16 and 23 and at 11:45 a.m. on March 30. Everyone is welcome.

Spanish Speakers will meet for potluck and conversation on Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Prudence Barber, 1104 Mound St., Apt. C. Everyone is welcome.

Prairie Elders will meet on Tuesday, March 25, at 1:30 p.m. at Oakwood West to discuss technological advances you love or hate. See Prairie Fire for more details.

Movie Group will view *Modern Times* starring Charlie Chaplin on Thursday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. Any Prairie members, friends or guests are welcome.

Members, please read the letter from Rachel Long mailed to you or posted in the online Prairie Fire concerning the status of our Fitchburg property.



*Basketball game
3:00 PM*

Calendar

Sunday, March 16

11:45 a.m. Book Club discusses *Timebends*

Tuesday, March 18

7:00 p.m. *Building Your Own Theology* class

Sunday, March 23

10:00 a.m. "Was Jesus a UU?" - Easter Intergenerational Program

Tuesday, March 25

1:30 p.m. Prairie Elders meets at Oakwood West

7:00 p.m. *Building Your Own Theology* class

Wednesday, March 26

6:30 p.m. Spanish Speakers potluck at the home of Prudence Barber

Sunday, March 30

10:00 a.m. "Class Conscious" presented by Erin Bosch

Tuesday, April 1

7:00 p.m. *Building Your Own Theology* class

Sunday, April 6

10:00 a.m. "Fannie Barrier Williams" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski