

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Prelude – *Komm lieber Mai. Alle Voegel sind shon da.*

(Come sweet May, the trees are green. All the birds are here.)

Rosemarie Lester and Doleta Chapru

Welcome – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Consulting Minister

Opening Words:

We come together today in praise and thanksgiving

We come together today in praise and thanksgiving for the gift of life itself.

Someone gave birth to us and some of have given birth.

All of us have been mothered in our time, many of us have mothered.

Let our time today be one of recognition-- that we arrive from so many places,

Joy and delight, wistfulness and longing and worry,

Unmet needs and unfulfilled dreams,

Loss and sorrow, loss and emptiness, loss and regret.

All that life is made of, mothers are made of too.

Today we sing the songs of so many,

Mothers who are single parents, foster parents,

mothers who relinquished their young out of necessity,

Mothers who found their heart in adoption,

Mothers who left their children in a thousand ways,

Mothers who rejoice and mothers who mourn.

We sing the songs of the grandmother, the auntie, the classroom teacher, the

Sunday School teacher, the babysitter, the neighbor with endless cookies and time.

There is a kind of love we cannot live without.

It is never too late, no matter our age or situation.

We sing a song of gratitude for all the moments

Of being known, being cherished, being found.

(with permission by Mary J. Harrington)

*Opening Hymn #361- *Enter, Rejoice and Come In*
Accompanist - Aileen Nettleton

Chalice Lighting :

Leader: Whether we have come here with heart full or heart empty, with spirits high or low, rested or tired, hopeful or saddened

Congregation: Whether we have come here out of habit, conviction, loneliness, or curiosity,

Leader: We belong here because we are here, and all that we have and all that we are is welcome here.

All: This morning we are, together, the heartbeat of this congregation.

Silent Meditation

Joys and Concern

Reading #573 - *Mother's Day Proclamation* - Julia Ward Howe

Presentation - "Our Moms, Other Moms, and Apple Pie" - Rev. Ralph
Discussion

Offertory – *Der Mai ist gekommen.* (May has come)
Rosemarie Lester and Doleta Chapru

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

*Closing Hymn: #191 - *Now I Recall My Childhood*

Closing Words - Rev. Ralph

Let our guide be all that we value and all that we hold dear in the images and meanings of motherhood.

The depth of community of this congregation gives us a great blessing: we are gifted with the chance to celebrate births, to remember the departed, to nurture children, to honor parenting, and the great unfolding of human potential. Today is a day for such celebration. Let us make the most of it. Let us use it for thanksgiving and sharing in the company of loved ones and friends. May it be so!

Postlude - *Der Winter ist vergangen* (Winter is gone).
Rosemary Lester and Doleta Chapru

*Please stand

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship. Thanks to all who participated in today's service.

Announcements

Humanist Union will meet today for potluck and to hear Christina Klock and Kathy Converse report on the 7th Annual International Bioethics Forum on the topic of evolution.

Meditation sessions will continue through May. Everyone is welcome to the sessions at 7:00 p.m. on May 11 and 18, and 11:45 a.m. on May 25.

Board Meeting has been moved from May 18 to May 25.

Spring Fling on May 17-18 for Prairie youth and friends will include an Arboretum Walk.

Social Action Committee will meet on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Spanish Speakers will not meet in May. The next potluck will be on June 2 at the home of Marcia and Dave Johnson.

Calendar

Sunday, May 11

12:00 p.m. Humanist Union potluck and meeting

7:00 p.m. Meditation

Tuesday, May 13

7:00 p.m. Membership & Hospitality Committee meets

Saturday, May 17- Sunday, May 18

Spring Fling for Prairie youth

Sunday, May 18

10:00 a.m. "Ecology of Wisconsin Prairies" presented by Rich Henderson

5:00 p.m. Rachel Siegfried memorial service at Prairie

7:00 p.m. Meditation

Monday, May 19

7:00 p.m. Social Action Committee meets

Thursday, May 22

7:00 p.m. Prairie Film Group meets

Sunday, May 25

10:00 a.m. "Birth Options in the Madison Area" presented by Aszani Kunkler

11:45 a. m. Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 27

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

Sunday, June 1

10:00 a.m. Transition Sunday