

# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, May 18, 2008

Prelude – *To Make a Prairie* – Emily Dickinson  
Prairie Choir

Welcome – Rachel Long, President

Opening Words – Rose Smith

There was only the enormous, empty prairie, with grasses blowing in waves of light and shadow across it, and the great blue sky above it, and birds flying up from it and singing with joy because the sun was rising. And on the whole enormous prairie there was no sign that any other human being had ever been there.

– Laura Ingalls Wilder in *Little House on the Prairie*

\*Song - *God Bless the Grass* – p.35 in *Rise Up Singing*  
Rosemarie Lester, accompanist

Chalice Lighting – Rose Smith

If you walk slowly into a prairie alone in the spring, you can hear the bees swarming and woodpeckers tapping; lie on your back, feel the cool earth, see and hear the geese in the sky, smell the wild rose and taste a blade of grass. You will know that this is good, and your heart will listen to the land and know what is right.

– Luther Tall Bear

Silent Meditation

Religious Education Class Sharing

## Joys and Concerns

Presentation - "The Ecology of Wisconsin Prairies"

Rich Henderson

Discussion

Offertory – *The Young Prince and the Young Princess* –  
from *Scheherezade* by Rimsky-Korsakoff

Marcia Johnson

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

\*Closing Hymn #175 - *We Celebrate the Web of Life*

Closing Words – Rachel Long

(Please join in reading from the Prairie Bond of Union)

"... 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."

\*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, including our musicians, Rosemarie Lester, Marcia Johnson, and the Prairie Choir.

## Announcements

**Prairie Fire** deadline is today. Please send items to [prouds@tds.net](mailto:prouds@tds.net) or [admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org).

**Memorial service** for Rachel Siegfried will be at 5:00 p.m. today, Sunday, May 18, followed by a potluck.

**Meditation** session on May 18 will be canceled. The next session will be May 25 at 11:45 a.m.

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

**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.

**Prairie Elders** will meet on Tuesday, May 27, at 1:30 p.m. at Oakwood West. The topic will be "Creative Aging," to be defined in any way you choose.

**Congregational Planning Session III** with Dan Wiseman will be on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**WOW (Women's Group)** has changed meeting dates for June. The meeting will be Saturday, June 7 at the home of Kathy Converse.

## Calendar

### **Sunday, May 18**

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

### **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

### **Monday, June 2**

6:30 p.m. Spanish Speakers potluck at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson

### **Sunday, June 8**

10:00 a.m. "The Flower Communion and its Founder" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski