

# PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, June 14, 2009**

**Prelude** - "Summer Morning," by David Karp  
Karleen Tyksinski, piano

**Welcome** – Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, consulting minister

## **Opening Words -**

We come at this time and to this place:

To reaffirm the wondrous gift of a freely gathered community  
To renew our trust in the joy, goodness and beauty of life;  
To reaffirm the way of the open mind and the full heart  
To rekindle the flame of memory and hope and  
To reclaim the vision of an earth made fair, with all her people one.  
Let us celebrate together and learn from each other.

**\*Hymn #8 (SLT)** – “Mother Spirit, Father Spirit”  
accompanist, Doleta Chapru

## **Chalice Lighting**

May this light that we now kindle  
inspire us to use our powers to heal and not to harm  
to help and not to hinder  
to bless and not to curse  
to serve in the cause of justice  
to search for our path toward fulfillment and wholeness.

## **Silent Meditation**

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Presentation:** "Norbert Fabian Capek: A Modern Unitarian Hero"  
Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

## **Discussion**

### **Offering**

**Offertory** - "Sumer is Icomen In," Anonymous, 14th Century, Middle English  
Metje Butler, Mary Mullen, Prairie Musicians

### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

#### **Prairie Announcements**

Additional announcements are in your order of service.

#### **Flower Ceremony**

**\*Hymn #76 (SLT) - "For the Flowers that Bloom About Our Feet,"**  
accompanied by Doleta Chapru

**Reading #723 - "Flower Communion Prayer," by Norbert Capek**  
read by Lee Haspl

Our hope in this community comes from the gifts we each freely give one another. The gifts of time, talent, treasure, encouragement, and hope. By coming forward to select a flower, different from those you brought, you will be affirming that the gifts that we bring to this place are unique, valued and beautiful. May you know that it returns to you in unexpected gifts and moments of generosity. And may you know that no challenge is so great as to make beauty or love impossible.

**Dedication of a Special Gift to Prairie by Lee Haspl, grandson of Norbert Fabian Capek**

#### **Closing Words**

It is worthwhile to live and fight courageously for sacred ideals. Oh blow ye evil winds into my body's fire; my soul you'll never unravel. Even though disappointed a thousand times or fallen in the fight and everything would worthless seem, I have lived amidst eternity. Be grateful, my soul, My life was worth living. He who was pressed from all sides but remained victorious in spirit is welcomed into the choir of heroes, He who overcame the fetters giving

wing to the mind is entering into the golden age of the victorious.

Norbert Fabian Capek, written in the Dachau  
concentration camp before his death, 1942

**Closing Song** - "Wild Mountain Thyme," traditional, Scotland and Ireland  
Prairie Musicians

*Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Many thanks to all who contributed to making this service possible. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.*

### **Announcements**

**Summer Spree** (the weekend retreat for grades 6-12) will be July 24-26. Chaperones are needed. Contact Robin Proud or Rebecca Malke-Eliganti for information.

**Book Club read for June:** The Prairie Book Club is currently reading Barbara Ehrenreich's Nickel and Dimed. Learn what it is like to be a minimum-wage worker. The author lived the life for a few months, taking several different kinds of low-wage jobs including waitressing, working for a house-cleaning firm, and employment at Wal-Mart. The book club will meet to discuss the book after service on June 21st.

**New Southwest Madison Farmer's Market begins** Every Wednesday, from June 24 to October 28, there will be a farmer's market in the parking lot of Orchard Ridge UCC at 1501 Gilbert Road. Hours are 3-7pm.

**Humanist Union News** The Humanist Union will meet on Friday, June 19th at 5:30 pm for a potluck dinner. At 6:15, our speaker will be August Berkshire, VP of Atheist Alliance International. This is a joint meeting with the Madison Brights.

**Spanish Speaker's Potluck June 30th at 6:30** The next Spanish Speaker's Potluck will be at the home of Amy Schulz, 2304 S. Syene Rd. Call Amy for directions, 273-2639; call Rosemary Dorney, 238-4382, for information or a ride.

## Prairie Calendar

### Sunday, June 14, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Flower Communion - Summer is Acomin'," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

12 noon - Potluck Choir picninc at the home of Barb Park. Families welcome.

### Thursday, June 18, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Everything is Illuminated." Please bring snacks.

### Friday, June 19, 2009

5:30 pm - Humanist Union potluck. Speaker begins at 6:15.

### Sunday, June 21, 2009

10:00 am - service - "The Changing Landscape of Fatherhood," presented by a panel of Prairie Fathers.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss Nickel and Dime.

### Tuesday, June 23, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic is "Bailouts, Incentives, & Stimulus Plans."

### Sunday, June 28, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Summer Reads," presented by Rose Smith.

### Sunday, July 12, 2009

11:45 am - Board meeting, with Ian Evison from CMwD.

### Save the Dates!

July 26, 2009 - Joint UU Service at Sauk City

August 2, 2009 - All-Prairie Book Read Service on Michael Pollan's The Omnivore's Dilemma.

August 8, 2009 - potluck picnic for the Herr-Hoyman family

October 23-25, 2009 Prairie's Annual Family Retreat at Pine Lake Camp