

# **PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, August 23, 2009**

**Prelude** - "How Blest are Shepherds," by Henry Purcell  
performed by Prairie Winds

**Welcome** - Ingrid West

**Opening Words** - Rev. Selena Fox

"Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean."

"This grand show is eternal. It is always sunrise somewhere;  
the dew is never all dried at once; a shower is forever falling; vapor ever rising.  
Eternal sunrise, eternal sunset, eternal dawn and gloaming, on seas and  
continent sand islands, each in its turn, as the round earth rolls."

Words from environmentalist John Muir (1838-1914)

**Hymn #163 (SLT)** "For the Earth Forever Turning,"  
Mary Frantz, accompanist

**Chalice Lighting** - Rev. Selena Fox

Sacred Earth, bless our bodies will wellness.

Sacred Air, bless our minds will learning.

Sacred Fire, bless our endeavors with courage.

Sacred Water, bless our feelings with love.

Sacred Spirit, bless our lives with understanding.

Flaming Chalice, bless our community with harmony.

Circle of Life, bless us with Nature's wisdom.

Blessed Be.

(words by Selena Fox)

**Silent Meditation**

**Story for All Ages** - "The Elements"  
by Selena Fox and youth

**Presentation: "Elements of Nature,"**  
presented by Rev. Selena Fox

**Chant - "Air I Am, Fire I Am, Water, Earth, and Spirit I Am"**  
EarthSpirit Community

**Discussion**

**Offering**

**Offertory** – "Yonder Green Valley," also known as "Ash Grove," a folk song from the British Isles, performed by Prairie Winds

**Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Prairie Announcements**

Additional announcements are in your order of service

**Hymn # 40 (SLT) - "The Morning Hangs a Signal"**  
Mary Frantz, accompanist

**Closing Words - Rev. Selena Fox**

For the Earth and the Food of Life, We give thanks.

*We give thanks.*

For the Air and the Breath of Life, we give thanks.

*We give thanks.*

For the Fire and the Vitality of Life, we give thanks.

*We give thanks.*

For the Water and the Waters of Life, we give thanks.

*We give thanks.*

For the Spirit and the Circle of Life, we give thanks.

*We give thanks.*

Blessed Be.

*Blessed Be.*

The Circle is open but unbroken  
Stay if you will; Go if you must; But be with us always.  
Blessed be. Merry Meet, Merry Part and Merry Meet Again.

*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**

**Green Tip of the Week:** Green Floor Cleaners. For hard floors, combine 1/4 cup liquid castile (vegetable based) soap with 1/4 to 1/2 cup either vinegar or lemon juice in 2 gallons of warm water in a bucket. Use with a mop or a sponge. For carpet cleaning and disinfecting, blend 1/2 cup baking soda, 1 cup borax, and 1 cup cornmeal. Sprinkle mixture over rug and rub with a cloth. Let rest for several hours or overnight then vacuum up. To remove stains from a carpet, mix 1/4 cup castile soap and 1/3 cup water until well blended. Spread the mixture on the carpet and let sit for a few minutes, then scrub the stain with a brush or a rag. Also- club soda will remove many acidic stains, like coffee, wine, or juice. To deal with big spills, pour cornmeal on the spill, wait 15 minutes for it to be absorbed, then vacuum up.

**Spanish Speaker's Potluck** The next Spanish Speaker's potluck will be Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 pm at the home of Mary, Andy, and Jake Somers, 4467 Crescent Road in Fitchburg. Please call the Somers at 276-8397 for directions, or Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information.

**Long Range Planning News** The Long-Range Planning Committee is gearing up for a yearlong congregational exploration of ministry and ministerial relationships, and specifically the topic of whether to call a settled minister. Stay tuned for announcements and events - and feel free to contact any of the Committee members with your thoughts. Members are Robyn Perrin (chair), Ken Skog, Aileen Nettleton, Christina Klock, and Mary Mullen. The next meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee will be Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:00 pm at Prairie.

**Summer Splash Pool Party Next Week!** Immediately following the service on August 30th, Prairie RE families are invited to attend the Summer Splash Pool Party at the Goodman Jewish Community Center in Verona. Lunch and admission to the pool is included in the cost of \$8 per person or \$20 per family (or whatever you can afford.) Kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult, and guests are welcome. Please fill out a permission slip, available online at [www.prairieuu.org/re](http://www.prairieuu.org/re) or ask Robin Proud or Rebecca Malke.

## Prairie Calendar

### Sunday, August 23, 2009

11:45 am - Prairie Book Club meets to discuss Harbor Lights by Sherryl Woods.

### Tuesday, August 25, 2009

2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood. Topic: protecting civil discussion in health care reform.

### Wednesday, August 26, 2009

7:00 pm - Program Committee meets at Prairie.

Saturday, August 29, 2009 - 9:00 am - noon - New Member Orientation.

### Sunday, August 30, 2009

10:00 am - service - "Ingathering and Water Ceremony," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

12:00 noon: Summer Splash RE Pool Party.

### Tuesday, September 1, 2009

6:00 pm - Long Range Planning Committee meets.

### Saturday, September 5, 2009

8:00 am – 12 noon: UU Blood Drive at JRUUC. Contact Gordon Cunningham for details.

9:00 am - Prairie WOW group meets for breakfast potluck at Prairie.

### Sunday, September 6, 2009

10:00 am – service - "Labor Day: Key Issues Facing Workers Under the Obama Administration," presented by Prof. Frank Emspak.

11:45 am - Humanist Union meets for a picnic at Marlborough Park. Rain location: Prairie UU.

### Sunday, September 13, 2009

10:00 am – service - "Honoring Your Elders," presented by Erin Bosch and Rebecca Malke.

11:45 am - Prairie Board meeting & potluck.

### Tuesday, September 15, 2009

6:30 pm - Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Mary and Andy Somers.

### Wednesday, September 16, 2009

7:00 pm - Program Committee meets at Prairie.

### Thursday, September 17, 2009

7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "When the Levees Broke."