

# **PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY**

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

<http://uuprairie.org>

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

**Sunday, November 29, 2009**

## **Prelude**

"Simple Gifts," performed by the Prairie Choir, Barbara Park, director  
Heidi Hughes and Estrella Donald, flute; Doleta Chapru, piano

**Welcome** - Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

## **Opening Words**

#542 in Singing the Living Tradition, "Solstice"

**Hymn #389 (SLT)** – "Gathered Here"

Mary Frantz, accompanist

## **Chalice Lighting**

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

*Albert Schweitzer*

## **Silent Meditation**

## **Joys and Concerns**

**Responsive Reading #568:** "Connections Are Made Slowly"

**Presentation - "Generosity: Living Out Our Unitarian Universalist Tradition,"**

Rev. Christopher Long

## **Discussion**

## **Offering**

**Offertory** - "There Is Time," by Terry Spear  
Dan Proud, musician

## **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

### **Prairie Announcements**

Additional announcements are in your order of service

**Hymn #131 (SLT)** – "Love Will Guide Us"

Mary Frantz, accompanist

### **Closing Words**

Be ours a religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere; its temple, all space; its shrine, the good heart; its creed, all truth; its ritual, works of love; its profession of faith, diving<sup>e</sup> living.

*Theodore Parker*



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

### **Announcements**

**Humanist Union News** Humanist Union will meet for a potluck lunch at 11:45 am on December 6th, followed by a 12:30-1:30 pm presentation and discussion on "How We Decide: from Logic to Faith" led by Richard Russell.

**Pecans for the Holidays!** The Social Action Committee would like to call attention to the opportunity to buy fair trade holiday gifts through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. For information about their pecans and pecan candies, visit [http://www.uusc.org/content/holiday\\_pecans](http://www.uusc.org/content/holiday_pecans).

**Green Committee News:** Your green committee has been hard at work! Look in the back yard. During RE time, the children have completed the fall phase of digging, composting and initial planting of a butterfly garden. They raked the yard and built a compost bin for leaves. In the spring we will commence work on the prairie in front of the building and build a rain garden between the prairie and back yard.

**Book Club** The Prairie Book Club is currently reading Here If You Need Me – A True Story by Kate Braestrup. This is the memoir of a middle aged woman who becomes a UU minister after being widowed and serves as a chaplain in Maine's Forest Service. The book club will meet today, Sunday, November 29th, at Prairie. For December, the book club is reading The Yiddish Policeman's Union by Michael Chabon, to be discussed on December 20th.

**Christmas Eve, Carols, and Candlelighting** On Thursday, December 24th at 7pm, Rev. Ralph Tyksinski will lead our candlelight Christmas eve service. We celebrate with readings, singing of carols, and candlelighting, the story of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. In the words of Sophia Lyon Fahs, "Each night a child is born is a holy night – A time for singing, A time for wondering, A time for worshipping." This, an intergenerational service, draws from Christian teachings which call us to respond to holy love by seeking peace and good will for humankind.

**Nifty Gifty coming up!** Nifty Gifty is always such a fun time. There are great craft projects, food, hot cocoa and lively holiday music playing throughout the morning. We already have some volunteers signed up. Being a volunteer is easy; you show our children how to make the craft, help them if needed and you get to sneak in some cookies for yourself! If you would like to help kids wrap gifts or make a craft or two please let Rebecca Malke know.

**WOW News** Prairie's women's group, also know as WOW (for wild, outstanding women!) meets once a month for breakfast potluck, conversation, and sometimes a craft or activity. WOW meets next on Saturday morning, December 5th, at 9am, and will be making gift baskets to give to PUU members or other suggested parties. Please bring any medium size baskets and holiday decorations for the baskets (i.e. ribbon and tissue). Also bring small items (packaged) to put in the baskets such as jams, jellies, other spreads, cookies, crackers, cocoa, teas, coffee, and personal items such as lotion, soaps, small books, puzzles, games, candles, and ornaments. If you can't come to the meeting items can be dropped off at PUU. Please place in a bag and label for the WOW meeting. Also of interest, the Central Midwest District's womens' group, Women and Religion, will be having their next annual retreat at First Unitarian in Milwaukee, February 26-28, 2010. If you are interested, visit [www.womenandreligion.org](http://www.womenandreligion.org).

## Prairie Calendar

### Sunday, November 29, 2009

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss Here If You Need Me – A True Story by Kate Braestrup.

Monday, November 30, 2009 - 7pm - Caring Committee meets.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Program committee meets

### Saturday, December 5, 2009

9:00 am - WOW group meets at Prairie for breakfast potluck, conversation, and gift-making.

6 - 9pm - Bollywood Night at Prairie. Dancing and movie "Om Shanti Om."

### Sunday, December 6, 2009

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

9:45 am - Nifty Gifty

10:00 am – service - "Our Lady of Hope Clinic," presented by Dr. Michael Kloess.

11:45 am - Humanist Union potluck, followed by presentation by Richard Russel at 12:30.

Thursday, December 10, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Movie group meets to view "Ugetsu."

### Sunday, December 13, 2009

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

9:00 am - RE committee meets.

10:00 am – service - "The Work of a Peacemaker," presented by Sami Rasouli.

11:30 am - Prairie Board meeting. Potluck begins at 11:30 in downstairs kitchen area, meeting begins at 11:45 in the "couch room."

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 - 7:00 pm - Program committee meets.

### Sunday, December 20, 2009

8:45 am - Choir rehearsal.

10:00 am – service - "Symbol Tree," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.

11:45 am - Book Club meets to discuss The Yiddish Policeman's Union by Michael Chabon.

Tuesday, December 22, 2009 - 2:00 pm - Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood.

Wednesday, December 23, 2009 - 5:30 pm - Humanist Union hosts HumanLight at Prairie.

### Thursday, December 24, 2009

7:00 pm - service - "Christmas Eve, Carols, and Candlelighting," presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski.