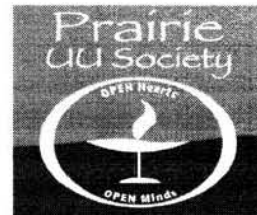


# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison, WI 53711 \* 608-271-8218 \* www.uuprairie.org

**"The Ground of our Being,"** presented by  
Rev. Jane Esbensen.

**April 17, 2011**



## Today's Order of Service

**Prelude** – "Canzone," by Frescobaldi, performed by the Prairie Winds

**Welcome and Announcements** – Nick Abts

**Opening Words** – Rev. Jane Esbensen

**\*Hymn #298 (SLT)** "Wake Now My Senses," (verses 1, 2, & 5) Doleta Chapru, accompanist

**Lighting of the Chalice**

**Silent Meditation**

**\*Hymn #123 (SLT)** "Spirit of Life," Doleta Chapru, accompanist

**Story for All Ages** – "Chicken Little," told by Rev. Jane Esbensen

**Singing the children out** - "Farewell Good Friends"

**\*\*Joys and Concerns**

**\*\*Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**Reading** – Isaac Vetter

**Presentation** - "The Ground of Our Being," presented by Rev. Jane Esbensen

**\*\*Discussion**

**Offering & Offertory** – "Air," from Handel's "Watermusic," performed by the Prairie Winds

**Closing Words**

**Closing Hymn - #318 (SLT)** "We Would Be One," Doleta Chapru, accompanist

**Benediction**

*\*please stand as you are able.*

*\*\*please wait for the microphone before speaking; this allows those using the assistive listening devices to hear.*

## Announcements

**Green Note** Take your green on the road with you when you travel. When staying in a hotel room, unplug lights and appliances that you aren't using. Hang up your towel so you can reuse it. You can also consider leaving the "do not disturb" sign on your door (or calling housekeeping) so that your room does not get cleaned every single day you're there.

**Soup Sunday News!** Our next Soup Sunday will be TODAY after the service! In addition to our usual fabulous soup lunch, we will have special guest Mats Karlsson, Rev. Jane Esbensen's new husband, with us from Sweden, and we will have cake to (belatedly) celebrate their wedding (which was in December.) Please plan to stay for this fun event.

**Parish Meeting coming up** Our Spring Parish meeting is coming up, Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, after the service. This is an important meeting, as new board members are elected and the budget is approved for the next fiscal year. Please plan to attend this important meeting. There will be a potluck lunch, and child care will be provided.

**Finance News** Prairie runs on love and volunteer time, but we also need your financial support. We are in the midst of pledge season, and by now you should have received your pledge card, either handed to you directly by the finance chair or in the mail. If you need a new card or more information, please contact finance chair Kathy Converse at 238-1856.

**Easter Egg Hunt Next Week!** Kids up to age 12 are welcome to join in the Egg Hunt next Sunday at Prairie! See our DRE, Rebecca Malke, for more details.

## **Prairie UU Society Bond of Union**

*We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. 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.*

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### Prairie Calendar

#### Sunday, April 17, 2011

11:45 Soup Sunday!  
12:00 Book Club meets to discuss Canoeing with the Cree, by Eric Severeid.

#### Wednesday, April 20, 2011

7:00 Program committee meets.

#### Sunday, April 24, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Service - "A Freedom Seder: Celebration of the Exodus and Freedom Movements Throughout the World," presented by Ruth Calden and Mary Mullen.  
10:00 Easter Egg Hunt for RE students

#### Tuesday, April 26, 2011

2:00 Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood; topic is nuclear energy.

#### Saturday, April 30, 2011

9:00 Adult RE class: Immigration.

#### Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Service - "Universalism: Past, Present, and Powerful," presented by Rev. Kalen Fristad.

#### Monday, May 2, 2011

6:30 Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Prudence Barber. Call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information.

#### Saturday, May 7, 2011

9:00 WOW - Prairie's women's group - meets for breakfast potluck and conversation.

#### Sunday, May 8, 2011

8:45 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Service - "Sown in Tears: Family Letters From Bleeding Kansas," presented by Rev. Bobbie Groth.

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### Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

### Next week's service:

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