

Reader: Martin & Rachel Arnold, Zoom helper: Evan recorded

Note: This service will be

Opening Song: [*I Know This Rose Will Open*](#) performed by Jess Huetteman

Welcome and Announcements:
Renee Deschard

Chalice Lighting by Florence Caplow

We light this chalice in honor of the animal realm,
 Furred and hooved, two-legged,
 four-legged, many-legged,
 Fanged and clawed, gentle and fierce,
 wild and tame.
 May we remember that all animals are our relatives,
 Worthy of our care and respect.

Silent Meditation

Story for All Ages: *Who Will Be My Friend?* by Jeanne Styczinski

Presentation/Discussion: Our Animal Friends

- raise your hand either on your camera or on the participant box and wait to be unmuted
- introduce your pet - name, personality, etc...

Closing Words: *Blessed Are All Living Things* by Maureen Killoran

For the blessing of animal companions **we give thanks.**

For the beautiful ones, those whose fur is silky and whose tails are long; whose feathers are brilliant or whose voices are splendid... **we give thanks.**

For the frantic ones, the runts and the hungry, who run for a food bowl or a pat as though this is life's last possible gift, **we give thanks.**

For the obnoxious ones, the heads that butt against us as we're trying to sleep; the bodies that refuse to learn discretion as they make digestive gifts... **we give thanks.**

For those who bark and purr and growl and mew, for all who squeak or squawk or snarl or hiss, **we give thanks.**

For the animals unknown to us, those whose niche in life's web is fragile; whose lives are insecure; for all who care for them and wish them well, **we give thanks.**

Blessed are the animals.

Blessed are the creatures who live with us and need our care.

Blessed are the mammals and the reptiles and the birds who teach us we are not alone.

Blessed are all living things from whom we learn to love.

Closing Song: [*This Little Light of Mine*](#) ("though I stay at home" instead of "everywhere I go")

Virtual Coffee Hour

Guest/visitor welcome, Joys and Concerns and chatting.



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.

We are sharing our [**Offering**](#) this quarter with the **Street Pulse**. This provides an income and outlet for marginalized Madison residents

Upcoming Events

Coffee Hour, May 10th 11am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95972850753>

Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 959 7285 0753

Wednesday Fun with Holly Tellander (every Wednesday) 6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/489494085>

Teen Health Workshop, May 17th 10am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98417327462>

Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 984 1732 7462

FUS Flower Communion, May 17th 10am www.fusmadison.org

Prairie's Spring Parish Meeting, May 17th, at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom

Join by computer: <https://zoom.us/j/95113193030>

Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 951 1319 3030

"The Lost Art of Scripture: Rescuing the Sacred Texts" by Robin Proud, May 23rd 10am

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93961103713>

Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 939 6110 3713

FUS "Remembering: A Service for All Ages", May 24th 10am (followed by joint virtual coffee hour hosted by FUS) www.fusmadison.org

Prairie, James Reeb, and FUS will collaborate in the creation of a worship experience for all ages that invites us to honor Memorial Day weekend with an exploration of the importance of remembering. When so much feels different in our daily lives right now, this practice of remembering seems especially essential in offering a sense of grounding, meaning, and healing. Flutist Marilyn Chohaney will play movements from John Rutter's Suite Antique, accompanied by Linda Warren on piano.

"Prairie Bridging Ceremony" by Holly Tellander, May 30th 10am

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92566013036>

Join by phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 925 6601 3036

Announcements

Prairie's Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom.

We ask that you start checking in at 11:00 a.m. so we can get the meeting started on time. Also, when you log into Zoom, please make sure your display name identifies who you are. That will help us record who is in attendance.

We will be voting on members of the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee, as well as approving the minutes from the Fall Parish Meeting last December. We'll also hear from Committee Chairs, including from the Building Committee and Ministerial Search Committee.

Would you like to volunteer as a meeting assistant? It would be great to have a couple of Zoom co-hosts who can help move people from the waiting room and to record attendees' names. If you'd like to help out, please let Dan Klock (admin@uuprairie.org) know.