

"Flower Ceremony" by Prairie

Order Of Service - May 12th 2024

Prelude: Root Beer Rag by Joel, arr. by Warner, performed by Amber

Welcome: Dirk Herr-Hoyman

Chalice Lighting: by Jennifer McGlothlin

As the first hint of green begins to peek through the barren ground
 As that little sprig grows into a healthy stem
 As that stem grows into a stalk and forms a bud
 As that bud slowly opens with each new day
 To form a yellow daffodil
 Let us be, like that first hint of green, renewed by the warm of the sun's rays
 And ready to emerge with a new energy, ready to face the day.
 We light this chalice to bring a glimmer of that warmth into our space.

Opening Music: #44 SLT "We Sing of Golden Mornings", accompanied by Amber

Story For All Ages: *Bloom*, by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Mary Lundquist

Youth Invited to Share Flowers

Children's Recessional by Joyce Poley
 As you go on your way, may you be filled with Gladness.

Go in joy, go in joy!
 May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.

Go in love, go in love.

[The Story of Norbert Čapek's Flower Ceremony](#)

by Teresa Schwartz and David Schwartz

Presentation: "Norbert Capek and Prairie's Connection"

Offering and Offertory: May Breezes from Song Without Words by Mendelssohn, performed by Amber

Reading: #723 "Flower Communion Prayer," by Norbert Capek

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.

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Responsive Reading: "[Flower Communion Blessing](#)" by Amy Zucker Morgenstern
 Congregational response: *May our lives bloom like the flowers*

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Head Outside - Maypole Ceremony

Pancake Brunch - Hosted by Guys' Group



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Prairie's 2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing is with Willma's Fund, which provides assistance to homeless members of Dane County's LGBTQ+ community. This is in keeping with one of Prairie's social action focuses: homelessness.

Prairie's Guys Group Thurs, May 16, 7pm

Prairie's Guys Group is gathering at Prairie's Meeting House this coming Thursday. We welcome all interested members and friends. For more information please contact Dan Proud or Andy Garst.

Prairie Game Group Sat, May 18, 1 to 4:30 pm.

All ages are invited to play table-top games together. A variety of games are available, For more information or to join the mailing list, please contact Andrea Scott.

Prairie Evening Potluck, Thurs May 23, 6pm

We hope you can join us for friendly conversation and food! It's a potluck and everyone is invited. Please bring a dish to share. Please contact Patty Stockdale or Chris Unger if you plan to attend. This will help get an estimate for the number of tables needed for setup.

Green Sanctuary Congregation

You may recycle oral care products including tooth brushes, empty toothpaste tubes, and empty floss containers in the box on the shelf outside the bathrooms in the Meeting House. It's one of the ways we continue our mission of being a UU Green Sanctuary Congregation.

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Mother's Day Pancake Brunch - Today

Prairie Guy's Group will be serving a Mother's Day Pancake Brunch, right after the Maypole dance. All are invited. We'll be serving: Pancakes, regular and gluten free, sausage, (meat and vegan), bacon, fresh strawberries, blueberries. orange juice, apple juice (for kids), French toast sticks (for kids), mini chocolate eclairs, coffee (regular and decaf). Please come and celebrate Mothers, Grand Mothers, Mother's-in-law, God-Mothers, and Moms worldwide.



PUUPs - Today

PUUPs (Prairie UU Parents' Group) will meet today after the service. Families will enjoy the pancake brunch together, then parents will meet for a check-in.

Next Sunday, May 19th Spring Parish Meeting

We'll have a short service and then move right into the parish meeting. The agenda includes voting on candidates for elected board and committee positions and a motion to move forward with hiring up to a half time minister.

Members joining us on Zoom will be able to vote. However, there won't be any voting by proxy. All meeting materials are available on our website in the For Current Members section. To reduce costs, we won't be providing printed materials at the parish meeting. The agenda will be on the order of service. If you'd like to receive a printed copy of other meeting materials, please contact Nancy Wunderlin.

Next Sunday in RE: Children will have a Movie Day during the Parish Meeting. OWL for 11 & 12 year olds will meet in the Annex from 10 to 11:30 am.