

**"A Summer Solstice Celebration" by Karen Smith**

7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

**Order Of Service - June 16th 2024**

**Prelude:** June by Tchaikovsky, arr. Peck, performed by Amber

**Welcome:** Barb Park

**Service Structure:** Karen Smith

**Ringling of Chime:** Locating Ourselves in the Outer Flow of the Seasons, read by Tuppence Van de Vaarst

**Chalice Lighting:** Centering Ourselves in the Inner Flow of the Seasons, read by Karen Smith

**Opening Music:** #73 SLT "Chant for the Seasons" (sing the verse for Summer twice), accompanied by Amber

**Creation of Sacred Space:** Calling of the Four Directions, led by Karleen Tyksinski

**LEADER:** Let us remember the sacred circle of earth and sky in which we dwell as we call on the four directions and sacred center which unites all things

*Chime sounds*

**ALL:** Spirits of the East, we welcome you. We honor you for the blessings of soft breezes and wild winds, for clear ideas and our ability to reason. Inspire us with the fresh breath of courage as we go forth into new adventures. Join us and guide us. Blessed be!

*Chime sounds*

**ALL:** Spirits of the South, we welcome you. We honor you for the blessings of warm sun to make our gardens grow, for passionate energy and creativity. Warm us with strength and vitality for the work that awaits us. Join us and guide us. Blessed be!

*Chime sounds*

**ALL:** Spirits of the West, we welcome you. We honor you for the blessings of rain and moisture, for peaceful calm and empathy. Flow through us with a cooling, healing quietness and bring us peace. Join us and guide us. Blessed be!

*Chime sounds*

**ALL:** Spirits of the North, we welcome you. We honor you for the blessings of fertile soil, for roots of power and strength. Ground us in deep wisdom as we celebrate the spiraling journey of our lives. Join us and guide us. Blessed be!

*Chime sounds*

**ALL:** Spirits of the Center, we welcome you. We honor you for the threads that unite all things. Balance our spirit in the heart of all existence. Join us and guide us. Blessed be!

**LEADER:** Inside the circle of earth and sky, we are one.

**Mediation on the Four Elements:** "What are you? What am I?" by John Seed and Joanna Macy adapted by Karen Smith from *Earth Prayers* Edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon. Read by Karen Smith

**Embracing the Season:** O Antiphons for Summer, led by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

**LEADER:** Please join me in a call and response for the O Antiphons for Summer. When I say "O come!", please respond with "Greening Fire enliven us".

**ALL :** Greening Fire enliven us



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**Reading:** Sun of the Seasons, read by Barb Park

**Meditation on Fire Within**, led by Tuppence Van de Vaarst

**Prayer Over Inner Fire**, led by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

**LEADER:** Let us call down the greening fire of the solstice sun to greet the fire in our souls,

May it be for us:

**ALL:**

A sacred fire —sanctifying us  
A fire of compassion—warming us  
A fire of forgiveness—healing us  
A fire of creativity—inspiring us  
A fire of justice —summoning us  
A fire of love—rekindling us  
A fire of change—healing us  
A fire passion—empowering us

**Elemental Devocations**, read by Karleen Tyksinski

**Offering and Offertory:** Sonata in D Major by Albeniz, performed by Amber

**Closing:** A Proclamation of Fire, read by Tuppence Van de Vaarst

**Discussion**

**Closing Music:** #1068 STJ "Rising Green", accompanied by Amber

**Announcements**

**Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors**

**Greet Your Neighbor**

*Ritual designed by Karen Smith with special thanks to Tressa Disney and members of Web of Life pagan group of UU Fellowship Fayetteville AR.*

*Readings and Meditations from Circle of Life by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr and Web of Life pagan group with adaptations and additional words by Karen Smith.*

## Announcements

**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.

### **Interweave Meeting Today**

Interweave, Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ and questioning folks, as well as allies, will meet after the service today in the annex. All are welcome.

### **Next Sunday, June 23, Service: "Resisting Tyranny" by Rev. Jim Foti**

For most Americans, daily life goes on as usual while authoritarianism continues its creeping rise. And that's part of the playbook, a feeling of normalcy as freedoms and democracy erode. The good news: Resistance is NOT futile, and can even be joyful. Join us as guest speaker Rev. Jim Foti highlights what's at risk and what's working, and how we can live out our deepest values in these times. Rev. Jim Foti is currently serving as Assistant Sabbatical Minister at the First Unitarian Society of Madison.

**Next Sunday in RE:** Giant bubbles in the backyard. We need 3 more adults for childcare during the service. We also need 2 more adults for childcare during the new member orientation after the service. Contact our DRE, Karen Deaton, if you can help out.

### **Next Sunday, June 23, 11:15 am, Parish Meeting**

The Nominating Committee is very pleased to announce our nominees for the Minister Search Committee:

Suzanne Gernandt  
Johanna Hatch  
Susan Herr-Hoyman  
Molly Plunkett  
Robin Proud

We'll have a brief Parish Meeting on Sunday, June 23 as soon as the service ends at 11:15 am to take a vote to affirm these candidates.