

"Thomas Jefferson: His Religious Beliefs" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Order Of Service - July 7th, 2024

Prelude: "Many Meetings" by Howard Shore,
performed by Tuppence Van de Vaarst

Welcome: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting

We light the chalice for those who seek and defend the right to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning so that each person may live according to conscience in a democratically elected society.

May the flame burn for the defenders of freedom, working against those who would impose their own religious beliefs on others through intimidation or legislation.

May we tend this flame always, in our hearts and thoughts, ever vigilant and courageous in the struggle for freedom and justice for all.

Opening Music: #16 SLT "Tis a Gift to Be Simple",
accompanied by Tuppence Van de Vaarst

New Member Recognition: Tuppence Van de Vaarst,
Josh Spotts, Karissa Sanchez Traun, Steve Puntillo,
Donald Bachman, and Beth Butler (returning member)

Members: We receive you with open hands and hearts. As you join us, we once again renew our own commitment to this religious community. We are proud and happy to have you among us.

All: 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.

Lyrics for "Consider Yourself" are on the back of this page

Story For All Ages: *Hats of Faith* by Medeia Cohan,
Illustrated by Sarah Walsh

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.

Silent Meditation

Presentation: "Thomas Jefferson: His Religious Beliefs"
by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Discussion

Offering and Offertory: "Shenandoah", American folk song,
arranged by Nancy Faber, performed by Tuppence Van de Vaarst

Closing Words by Rev. Forrest Church - 7/3/2006

Closing Music: #145 SLT "As Tranquil Streams",
accompanied by Tuppence Van de Vaarst

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



“Consider Yourself” lyrics

Consider yourself at home
 Consider yourself one of the family
 We've taken to you so strong
 It's clear we're going to get along

Consider yourself well in
 Consider yourself part of the family
 We have so much to share
 It's plain we definitely care!

If it should chance to be
 We should see
 Some harder days
 In need of a friendly way
 Why groan?

There's always a chance we'll meet
 Others who will give a hug
 With kindness, warmth, and love.

Consider yourself our friends
 We don't want to have no fuss
 For after some consideration, we can state
 Consider yourself
 One of us!
 Consider yourself
 One of us!

Prairie's 3rd Quarter Offertory Sharing is with Heart Room, a collaboration between families that have been homeless, Orchard Ridge UCC, and The Road Home. The money we contribute will be used for rental assistance for the families who are working to achieve stability with the help of many partners.

August 4th "Community of Communities" Joint Service with Prairie, Reeb & FUS at Warner Park 10am

Join your fellow Madison UUs on Sunday, August 4th at the Warner Park Shelter (2930 N. Sherman Ave). There will be no service at Prairie UU this Sunday. A potluck is being organized. Spend some time after the service enjoying Warner Park and meeting other UUs here in Madison.

Announcements

Potluck Sunday - Today

Please join us today after service for a potluck meal. We'll need volunteers to help set up tables, move chairs, and prep for food and beverage service. All are welcome!

Humanist Union - Today

The Humanist Union is meeting today in Prairie's Annex next door after the service and potluck. "Gaza Then and Now" presented by Kathy Walsh of The Madison-Rafah Sister City Project and Tsela Barr of Jewish Voice for Peace.

Next Sunday, July 14th "Summer Reads" by Prairie

Everyone is invited to share a book recommendation. We will compile a list of all recommendations.

Next Sunday, No RE at Prairie:

RE family camp off site. No RE activities or PUUPs meeting at Prairie. If you are willing to be available to provide childcare for any visitors who might show up that day, please let Karen Deaton know.

Scan this QR Code to enter a book recommendation



July 28th Joint Service with Free Congregation of Sauk County 10:10am

Each year on the fourth Sunday in July, Prairie UU Society and the Free Congregation of Sauk County meet at Sauk for a shared service. Note that the service starts at 10:10am. There will be a potluck afterwards inside the building.