

**"UUA General Assembly Debrief" by Randy Converse & Johanna Hatch**

**Order Of Service - July 21st, 2024**

**Prelude:** Rondo alla turca from Sonata No. 11 K 331 by Mozart, arr. Perconti, performed by Amber

**Welcome:** Johanna Hatch

**Chalice Lighting** by Esther Hurlburt

It is not always easy to find love at the center.  
There is not a set of easy instructions  
numbered one through seven... or maybe eight.

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Today, in covenant, we celebrate our Living  
Tradition which invites us to take deep breaths of  
fresh air into the newness of every day  
so our minds, hearts, and spirits will be continually  
nourished.

It is not always easy to find love at the center.  
So for today we gather in covenant to celebrate  
the reality that love is at the core of our beings  
and that love will guide us if we open ourselves  
to the challenges which love requires of us.  
May we accept this challenge with dignity and  
grace.

**Opening Music:** #1058 SLJ "Be Ours a Religion",  
accompanied by Amber

**Presentation:** UUA General Assembly Debrief  
with Prairie delegates Randy Converse and  
Johanna Hatch

**Moment of Reflection**

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Doctor Gradus ad  
Parnassum from "The Children's Corner" by  
Debussy, performed by Amber

**Closing Words** by Debra Haffner

As we enter another week of uncertainty in the  
world, let us remember that there is only one side  
– that of humanity, and planet Earth. May we pray  
for peace; may we raise our voices with our  
elected officials and engage as we can in acts of  
resistance; and may we remember to take very  
good care of ourselves, each other and those we  
love.

May we remember these words, adapted from the  
Unity Prayer:

The light of Love surrounds us;  
Love enfolds us;  
The power of Love protects us;  
Love watches over us;  
Wherever we are, Love is!

**Closing Music:** "Bond of Union Song", music is  
inside the back cover of the gray hymnal, lyrics by  
Dean Schroeder, accompanied by Amber

**Announcements**

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

**Greet Your Neighbor**



## Announcements

**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.

*In the 2nd quarter of 2024, our shared Sunday offering raised \$973 for the Wilma's Fund Thank you for your generosity!*

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### **Summer Reads Book Recommendations**

Last Sunday we listened to people share their book recommendations. We've got a great list! Watch for a link in Prairie News or contact Nancy at [admin@uuprairie.org](mailto:admin@uuprairie.org)

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### **Prairie Evening Potluck Thurs, July 25, 6pm**

Everyone is invited to a Prairie Evening Potluck at Prairie's main building. Please bring a dish to share. There is no special occasion. Just friends sharing a meal.

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### **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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### **Next Sunday, 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. Let Karen [dre@uuprairie.org](mailto:dre@uuprairie.org) know by July 22nd if you need childcare at this service.

For the potluck, Sauk suggests the following food assignment according to last name: A-K desserts, L-R entrees, S-Z salads.

**Service Location:** 307 Polk St, Sauk City. It is a pleasant drive of about 30 minutes from the west side of Madison. Feel free to carpool.

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### **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.

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### **Second Baptist Invitation - Saturday Aug 3rd**

Prairie has been invited by Second Baptist Church to join them for a picnic outing under a tent in their yard on Saturday, August 3rd, 12 - 3:00 pm.

Children's games and activities will be offered. A jump and bounce inflatable structure will be set up for all children to enjoy. All food and drinks will be provided. Rev. Wade said in his invitation: "Just come as you are and enjoy the fellowship!"