



## "Poetry Share" by Prairie

### Order Of Service - Aug 18th, 2024

**Prelude:** Minuet and Gigue from Cello Suite no. 1  
by Bach/arr. Kynaston, performed by Amber

**Welcome:** Renee Deschard

### Chalice Lighting by Ben Soule

Out of the darkness, light.  
Out of the light, warmth.  
Out of the warmth, joy.  
Out of the joy, togetherness.  
May this flame hold us  
for the time we are here with one another.

**Opening Music:** #360 SLT "Here We Have  
Gathered", accompanied by Amber

**Story For All Ages:** Selections from *Where the  
Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein

### Youth Invited to Share Poems

**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:** "Poetry Share" by Prairie

**Offering and Offertory:** "Serenade for the Doll"  
by Debussy, performed by Amber

**Closing Words:** How Poets Pray by Angela Herrera

What do you do with the secret verses of your  
heart? With your need for redemption, the story  
without words? With paradoxical truths, too  
private and nuanced to share, that cannot be  
printed or spoken aloud?

You weave their energy into a poem, carefully,  
carefully, over and under and through,  
luminescent strands that cannot be un-teased,  
until the poem is shot through with light from an  
unknown origin. And you whisper it into the dark.  
Breeze-forms delivered into the deep.

Source: "Reaching for the Sun"

**Closing Music:** #292 SLT "If I Can Stop One Heart  
from Breaking", words by Emily Dickinson,  
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.

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### **Retreat Registration Is Open until Sept 8th**

What do s'mores, stargazing, a talent show and keylog service have in common? They are all happening at the Prairie UU Retreat this September 27th-29th at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville. Registration is open now through Sept 8th. See the Prairie News email for online registration (preferred) or use a paper form available on the hymnal cart.

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### **Black History for a New Day Course Signup**

***We need one more person to complete Prairie's group of 5.***

Prairie's board approved paying the tuition for 5 Prairie Members to attend Nehemiah's acclaimed "Black History for a New Day" course at Fountain of Life Covenant Church, 633 W. Badger Rd., Madison, Sept. 16-Nov. 18, 7-9 p.m. The five will work together in small group discussion after the lectures each week.

So far, we have Rev. Ralph, Lynn Currie, Karen Deaton, and Pam Gates.

Please help us complete this commitment by Prairie's board, and of course learn a lot!

To sign up, contact Pam Gates, Social Action Committee co-chair, at [pml.gts@gmail.com](mailto:pml.gts@gmail.com)

## Announcements

### **PUUPs - Today**

PUUPs (Prairie UU Parents' Group) will have a family pizza party after the service, then parents will meet upstairs for a check in and discuss information about Prairie's retreat September 27-29 and our upcoming RE year.

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### **Next Sunday "Christian Nationalism: What is it and how does it shape our religious and cultural landscape?" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski**

Christian nationalism is a cultural framework that conflates American identity with an exclusive form of religious identity. Based on the myth that America was founded as a Christian nation and it enjoys a special favor from God, proponents of Christian nationalism seek a fusion of religious and civil life - to the harm of both. Christian nationalism seeks to infuse anti-democratic notions of white supremacy, nativism, patriarchy, and authoritarianism, to concentrate power in a select group.

**Next Sunday in RE:** We'll go to Marlborough Park and make ice cream in a bag.

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### **Circle Dinner Signups**

Please sign up by mid-September. Signup sheets are in the foyer

Circle Dinner Groups consist of Prairie Members and Friends who meet about once a month in each other's homes, or other locations, to share a meal.

If you cannot commit to a monthly potluck, you can still participate by signing up as an alternate. Questions? Contact Membership Committee Deesa Pence, Patty Stockdale, Paula Pachicarz, and Judy Lazarus at [membership@uuprairie.org](mailto:membership@uuprairie.org)