

"Ingathering" by Prairie

7th Principle: The Interdependent Web of which we are all a part

Value: Interdependence

Order Of Service - Sept 8th, 2024

Prelude: Carnival of Venice by Clarke/arr. Bruns, performed by Amber

Welcome: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting:

The flame of our chalice this morning is a welcoming flame of the warmth and brightness of our coming together for a new beginning.

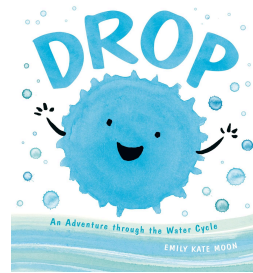
May this flame light our way back together again
From our separate summer lives,
and may it be a beacon lighting our way forward
Into this new church year of promise, rewards and renewal.

Opening Music: #361 SLT "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" accompanied by Amber

Honoring our Teachers, Students, Board Members and Volunteers

Congregation: With love and respect to you, our teachers, we charge you to lead and co-lead us in this living tradition of learners. We are grateful for your service and the beautiful labor of shaping the lives of our children, families, and members. In the spirit of inclusion, we charge you with creating spaces for learning that recognize that your explorations are both global and intercultural; communal and personal. Will you engage with these questions personally and lead with an intercultural lens? Will you ask for community support when needed, and allow yourself to be transformed as you engage in this work?

Story For All Ages: *Drop: An Adventure through the Water Cycle* by Emily Kate Moon



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.

Presentation: "Ingathering" by Prairie

Offering and Offertory: Orinoco Flow from "Watermark" by Enya/Ryan, performed by Amber

Closing Words:

"All Rivers Run to the Sea" by Janet Parsons

Closing Music: #1064 SLJ "Blue Boat Home" accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor



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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.

Sept 14: Join RE families for apple picking.

Meet in the playground near the parking lot at the Eplegaarden at 9:30

Endowment Fund Discussion Sept 15, 9am

Prairie's board is considering creating an endowment fund. The purpose of the fund might be to:

- Increase pledges and donations (such as bequests)
- Increase congregation satisfaction with their existing donations

We will be meeting prior to the service on Sunday, Sept 15th, 9:00am-9:45am, to gather your inputs. We hope to see you there. If you can't make it, feel free to send your comments to Chris Porter, our Finance Committee Chair at finance@uuprairie.org or Chris Unger, our Treasurer at treasurer@uuprairie.org Please contact Karen by September 10 to request childcare during this meeting.

Choir Rehearsals Start Sept 22

Prairie's first rehearsal is Sunday, September 22nd at 8:45am in our main building. Childcare provided. Questions? Contact our Choir Director, Barb Park at barbpark@gmail.com.

Announcements

Today - Visitor Orientation

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Want to meet a few more people? Then come to the Visitor Orientation today after the service. Please meet in the foyer by the welcoming table.

Today - Prairie UU Parents' Group (PUUPs)

Meeting today after the service. We'll enjoy a family pizza party, then parents will move upstairs for a check in and discussion, while children play in childcare.

Next Sunday's Service: "Reading the Bible through New Eyes: Case Study; The Great Commission" by Vicar Vica-Etta Henrietta Steel

The Bible is a rich resource that does not lend itself to singular interpretations. In Vicar Vica-Etta Henrietta Steele's study and work, she endeavors to free the messages and hope in the Bible from the singular dogmas of cis/het male identity theology that has, for too long, shut down conversation. In this talk, she will work toward an understanding of The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16:20) beyond simplistic limits into a fullness rooted in the stories of people in the Bible.

Next Sunday in RE: Our Religious Exploration (RE) year will kick off! Children will be introduced to their classrooms and teachers. After the service, we'll have an OWL informational meeting downstairs in the RE space.

Save the Date - Fall Parish Meeting

Our Fall Parish Meeting is Sunday, Nov 24th. We'll have a very short service and then move right into the parish meeting.