



**"Reading the Bible through New Eyes: Case Study; The Great Commission" by Vicar Vica-Etta Henrietta Steel**

**4th Principle:** A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

**Value:** Pluralism

**Order Of Service - Sept 15th, 2024**

**Prelude:** "You Learn" by Alanis Morissette performed by Renee Deschard

**Welcome:** KD Thompson

**Chalice Lighting** by Ben Soule

Hold fast to summer. Enjoy with heightened appreciation these still-warm September days. Create more memories, take more pictures. Enjoy a bit of denial. Suck all the summer sweetness out of your sun-warmed garden tomatoes. Smile at someone. Squeeze a hand. Put up some jam or pickles. We store these things up as we approach the uncertain seasons. And our summer companions will be our winter support and sustenance. In celebration of the changing seasons, we gather together in community.

**Opening Music:** #347 SLT "Gather the Spirit" accompanied by Karleen Tyksinski

**Story For All Ages:** *I Like This, You Like That* by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Eve Coy

**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:** "Reading the Bible through New Eyes: Case Study; The Great Commission" by Vicar Vica-Etta Henrietta Steel

**Offering and Offertory:** "Halo" by Beyoncé performed by Renee Deschard and Marie Andrae

**Closing Words** by Cheryl Block

As we go forward  
into this frightening, exhilarating,  
confusing, miraculous world,  
may we offer  
our comfort to the afflicted  
our love to those who are lonely  
and our wish for all to be safe.

**Closing Music:** #298 SLT "Wake, Now, My Senses" accompanied by Karleen Tyksinski

**Announcements**

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

**Greet Your Neighbor**



# PrairieUU

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

## 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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### **Prairie's Guys Group Thurs, Sept 19, 7pm**

Prairie's Guys Group is gathering at Prairie's Meeting House. We welcome all interested members and friends. For more information please contact Dan Proud at derrproud@att.net or Andy Garst at garst.andrew@gmail.com

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### **Prairie Game Group Sat, Sept 21, 1 to 4:30pm**

All ages are invited to play tabletop games together. A variety of games are available, For more information or to join the mailing list, please contact Andrea Scott at annadax@yahoo.com

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### **Choir Rehearsals Start Sun, Sept 22, 8:45am**

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.

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### **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.

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### **Today - Interweave**

Prairie's group for LGBTQ+ and questioning folks, as well as allies, meeting for fellowship and discussion in the annex after the Sunday service. All are welcome. Our guest speaker, Vicar Vica-Etta Henrietta Steel, will be joining the discussion.

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**Next Sunday's Service:** Guest speaker, Daniel Hayden, from the UW Dept. of Plant Pathology, is giving a presentation on food sovereignty.

**Next Sunday in RE:** We will have peer-group classes in RE. Note: participants in OWL will go directly to the Annex (2006 Whenona Drive) at 10:00. Others will begin the service in the Meeting Room as usual.

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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.