

"Autumnal Lessons Through Poets' Eyes" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

Value: Transformation

Order Of Service - Oct 6th, 2024

Prelude: Sicilienne by Lantier performed by Amber

Welcome: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting "The Persistent Flame" by Amy Brooks

Even as the days grow shorter,
and our homes shrink smaller,
and our wicks burn lower,
and our will to endure flickers,

we light this chalice
to kindle a flame of warmth
as a reminder
of the connection that draws us in
to a community that opens us up

in gratitude
for the breath in our lungs
and the love in our hearts,
for the gift of this day,
alive.

Opening Music: #391 SLT "Voice Still and Small"
accompanied by Amber

New Member Recognition: Alison Brooks Mix, Cindy McAllister, Susanne Oliver, and Dawn Regenbogen

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: *New Year at the Pier* by April Halprin Wayland, illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch

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: "Autumnal Lessons Through Poets' Eyes" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Offering and Offertory: In Autumn by MacDowell performed by Amber

Closing Words "As We Depart One From Another" by James Hobart

Closing Music: #52 SLT "In Sweet Fields of Autumn" accompanied by Amber

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

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“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 4th Quarter Offertory Sharing is Porchlight's Dwelling Intervention Grants & Sustenance program (DIGS) which provides eviction-prevention counseling and financial assistance to households facing eviction.

In the 3rd quarter of 2024, we shared \$244 with Allied Partners for their eviction prevention fund and \$883 with Heart Room. Thank you for your generosity!

Grief Support Group Forming

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski will lead a five-session workshop exploring grief starting on Wednesday, October 23rd 10-11:30am. Please look for Prairie's news of the week email for more information.

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!

Next Sunday's Service: "Don't Light a Candle and Don't Curse the Darkness" by Rev. Dr. Michael A. Schuler

One can understand the antipathy sufferers from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) feel toward darkness, their sense of dread as winter approaches. But in general, darkness gets a bad rap in our culture. People retreat to the sunbelt and, except for a few pagan devotees of the moon Goddess, declare themselves to be sun worshippers. This service (hopefully) will prompt us to revisit our prejudices toward darkness.

Next Sunday in RE: Peer group classes, including OWL for registered participants.

Book Discussion Starts Saturday, Oct 12

A new group is starting, focused on reading, discussing, and practicing "emotional intelligence" and related skills. Our first meeting will be Saturday, 12 October 2024, 2-3:30 pm, in Prairie's Annex, where we'll practice what we've learned from the first couple of chapters of *Supercommunicators* by Charles Duhigg. Email KD at yaghaffar.yaghafur@gmail.com. If you'd like a PDF of that first portion and/or if you'd like to be added to an email list for planning future meetings. We welcome suggestions for other readings!