



"Don't Light a Candle and Don't Curse the Darkness" by Rev. Dr. Michael A. Schuler

7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Value: Interdependence

Order Of Service - Oct 13th, 2024

Prelude: "All of Life is Calling Me" by Joyce Poley. Performed by the Prairie Choir, directed by Barb Park, accompanied by Carl Wacker

Welcome: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting: "Sleeping in the Forest" by Mary Oliver

I thought the earth
remembered me, she
took me back so tenderly, arranging
her dark skirts, her pockets
full of lichens and seeds. I slept
as never before, a stone
on the riverbed, nothing
between me and the white fire of the stars
but my thoughts, and they floated
light as moths among the branches
of the perfect trees. All night
I heard the small kingdoms breathing
around me, the insects, and the birds
who do their work in the darkness. All night
I rose and fell, as if in water, grappling
with a luminous doom. By morning
I had vanished at least a dozen times
into something better.

Opening Music: #54 SLT "Now Light Is Less"
accompanied by Mary Frantz

Story For All Ages: *The Dark* by Lemony Snicket,
illustrated by Jon Klassen

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

Reading: "The Land of Living Skies" by Suzannah
Showler

Presentation: "Don't Light a Candle and Don't
Curse the Darkness" by Rev. Dr. Michael A. Schuler

Offering and Offertory: "The Leaf Unfurling"
performed by Dan Proud and Barb Park

Closing Words by Jane Rzepka

When all is quiet and we are small and the night is
dark, may we hear the tender breathing of all who
lie awake with us in fear, that together we may
gather strength to live with love, and kindness,
and confidence.

Closing Music: #46 SLT "Now the Day Is Over"
accompanied by Mary Frantz

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

(please return hymnals and Orders of Service to
the back hymnal cart)



Lyrics for "The Expenses Keep Rolling Along"

(sung to "The Caissons Keep Rolling Along")

Every day, every week, we don't even have to peek,

'Cause expenses keep rolling along.

Pay for heat, pay for light,

It continues day and night,

Those expenses keep rolling along!

It's like A - B - C, we deplete the treasury,

The list of expenses is so long! 2, 3

For you all must know,

We sure need your dough,

'Cause expenses keep rolling along!

Enhance our ledger!

Those expenses keep rolling along!

We need your pledges!

Those expenses keep rolling along!

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. To register, contact Prairie Admin, Nancy Wunderlin at admin@uuprairie.org
Questions? Contact Rev. Ralph Tyksinski at 608-873-6041

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 stay in the Meeting Room for a check in and discussion, while children play downstairs or in our backyard in childcare.

Next Sunday's Service: "My Journey to Gaza" by Tsela Barr

Tsela Barr will talk about her journey as an American Jewish woman who grew up with a traditional religious upbringing in the '60s and '70s, and how and why she became a Palestine solidarity activist in her 20s. She eventually traveled to Gaza in 2012 and will show many photos and share stories of that profound experience. Tsela Barr will then touch on what is happening now in Gaza, and what people can do to help.

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

Your Pledge Strengthens Our Community

The 2025 Prairie pledge drive is under way. Your pledge is essential for funding our programs, services, and operations, including Religious Exploration and social groups that offer connection, learning, and support.

Please respond with your pledge by Nov 1, 2024.

Bring your pledge form to Prairie or return by mail. Pledge forms are available today on the back hymnal cart and on our website on the For Current Members section. Questions? Contact Finance Chair, Chris Porter, finance@uuprairie.org