

## "Decolonizing Spirituality" by Nandi (Sunita) Nandihalli

3rd Principle: Acceptance of One Another and Encouragement to Spiritual Growth Value: Pluralism

### Order Of Service - Nov 3rd, 2024

**Prelude:** Drömmen, Scandinavian Folk Tune, performed by Susanne Oliver and Ann Sawyer

**Welcome:** Lynn Currie

### Chalice Lighting by Li Kynvi

This chalice is for the living,  
the changing,  
the becoming.

This chalice is for losing the script of your life,  
the chapters about who you are  
in other people's stories.

This chalice is for the lost GPS  
that was supposed to show you how to get  
where they expected you to go.

This chalice is for skipping the directions,  
coloring outside the lines,  
painting—not by number—but by silence,  
by wild abandon,

with a brush you made yourself  
from light deep inside.

Startling.

Vivid.

A new voice  
that already knows you.

Finally, a true story.

**Opening Music:** #188 SLT "Come, Come, Whoever You Are", accompanied by Ron Frye

**Story For All Ages:** *The Light Within You* by Namita Moolani Mehra, Illustrated by Kamal Nair

**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:** "Decolonizing Spirituality" by Nandi (Sunita) Nandihalli

**Offering and Offertory:** Slow Airs, Trad. Irish, performed by Susanne Oliver and Ann Sawyer

### Closing Words by Bets Wienecke

May we leave this place  
Seeking an uncharted and freely chosen way to  
wholeness,  
Knowing we have companions along the way.

**Closing Music:** "Our Father" by Susan Werner, performed by Ron Frye

### Announcements

### Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

### Greet Your Neighbor

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

### **Prairie UU Society Mission Statement & Vision**

*Guided by hope and kindness, we nurture a welcoming community that fosters caring connections, open-mindedness, lifelong learning, and spiritual growth; while championing social justice and environmental stewardship.*

*We aspire to be a community where all voices are heard and valued, collectively acting as a catalyst for positive change, inspiring empathy and curiosity to champion a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.*



## Lyrics for “Our Father” by Susan Werner

Thy kingdom come to every nation  
Thy will be done in everything we do  
Lord, lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from those who think they're you  
(Opens with Chorus, shown above)

Lord send us forth to be of service  
To build the schools, to dig the wells  
And deliver us from the creepy preachers  
With their narrow minds and very wide lapels

(Chorus)

Lord send us forth to bring compassion  
To every corner of the world  
And please allow for women in the Catholic priesthood  
And remind the pope that he could have been a girl

(Chorus)

And deliver us from politicians  
Who drop your name in every speech  
As if they're your best friend from high school  
As if they practice what they preach

(Chorus)

Lord, lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from those who think they're you

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## Nominating Committee Announcement

A wonderful opportunity is now available for serving on Prairie's Committee On Ministry (COM). Please contact Heidi Hughes, Barbara Chatterton, Mary Franz, or Margit Moses if interested. The COM serves as the sounding board for the minister for them to discuss ideas, and challenges. More details are in the email news of the week.

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## Minister Search Committee Update

Prairie Members, please check your email for recent updates on the minister search (please check your email spam folder just in case). If you have questions, please contact a member of the Committee: Susan Herr-Hoyman, Molly Plunkett, Suzanne Gernandt, Tim Scott, Robin Proud

## 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!

### **Humanist Union Meeting - Today 12:30pm**

Meeting today next door in Prairie's annex. Prof. Mark Saffman will give a presentation on quantum computers.

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**Next Sunday, Nov 10, 8:45am:** Congregational discussion prior to the service in preparation for Prairie's Fall Parish meeting on Nov 24th at 10am. Childcare provided. There is no choir practice this morning.

**Next Sunday's Service:** Title to be announced, presentation by ministerial candidate selected by Prairie's Minister Search Committee.

**Next Sunday in RE:** Peer group classes including OWL for registered 5 & 6 year olds.

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### **Endowment Planning Zoom Meeting, Nov 6**

The Board concluded there is sufficient support to propose setting up an Endowment Planning Committee. Our President, Ken Skog, will host a Zoom meeting on Wednesday Nov 6, 7-8pm to discuss in more detail. If you cannot make the meeting you may send comments to [president@uuprairie.org](mailto:president@uuprairie.org)

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### **Prairie's 2025 Pledge Drive Continues**

Our pledge goal is \$158,000. Thus far, we have received 40 pledges totaling \$104,657. For 2024, we received 59 pledges. If you haven't pledged before, please consider doing so. Bring your pledge form to Prairie or return by mail. Or reply through email to Finance Chair, Chris Porter, [finance@uuprairie.org](mailto:finance@uuprairie.org)