



## "Embracing the Wealth of Our Religious Roots" by Avalon Haykus

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

### Order Of Service - Dec 8, 2024

**Prelude:** Chanson et Passepied by Jeanine Rueff, performed by Amber

**Welcome:** Rev. Ralph

**Chalice Lighting** by Cynthia Landrum

In the bleak and cold winter,  
We gather ourselves in  
To light the fire to warm our spirits,  
To kindle the flame of love and hope.

**Opening Music:** #122 "Sound Over All Waters" accompanied by Amber

**Story For All Ages:** *The Shortest Day* by Wendy Pfeffer, illustrated by Jesse Reisch

**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:** "Embracing the Wealth of Our Religious Roots" by Avalon Haykus

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Cathedral Echoes by Mona Rejino, performed by Amber

**Closing Words** by Shari Woodbury

Let us continue to grow as citizens of our communities, our nation, and our world. Let us work to build the common good, for ourselves and the generations to come. May it be so.

**Closing Music:** #126 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" accompanied by Amber

**Announcements**

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

**Greet Your Neighbor**

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



# PrairieUU

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

## Announcements

### **Prairie's 4th Quarter Offertory Sharing**

We'll share our offerings this quarter with the Tenant Resource Center, which provides mediation between landlords and tenants, support for homeless people seeking housing.

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### **Invitation to Holiday Fest at Second Baptist**

Rev. Ralph Tyksinski is pleased to share an invitation from Rev. Anthony Wade of the Second Baptist Church. All Prairie members are warmly invited to their Holiday Fest on

**Date:** Saturday, Dec 14th, from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.

Enjoy holiday refreshments and neighbor-to-neighbor fellowship in their lower-level meeting room.

**Location:** Second Baptist Church, 4303 Britta Pkwy (very close to Prairie)

We hope to see you there!

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### **Moses Gala - Saturday, Dec 14, 5:30pm**

The Annual MOSES Gala will be held at the Brassworks Building of the Goodman Community Center on Madison's East Side. Come be inspired by this year's three honorees, people who have overcome the adversities of incarceration and its aftermath and become contributing members of the community. Great hors d'oeuvres and great company!

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### **Holiday Potluck Brunch - Wed, Dec 25, 10am**

Celebrate the holiday at Prairie's meeting house with a potluck brunch on Christmas Day! Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy warm company, and holiday cheer. After brunch, sing along to holiday songs or bring your instrument and join the jam. We've invited our friends from the Free Congregation of Sauk County to share in the festivities.

### **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 about holiday traditions and pressures while children play downstairs in childcare.

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### **Next Sunday "A Winter Solstice Celebration" by Karen Smith**

Our service will be a celebration of the Winter Solstice through readings, meditations and music that honor the darkness and welcome back the light. We will honor ancient traditions, light candles on our own representation of the wheel of the year. From that new light we will pass the light among ourselves, and we will bring up our individual candles to create the burning bowl of our community.

**Next Sunday in RE:** NIFTY GIFTY, a beloved holiday tradition at Prairie. Children can craft a variety of gifts for loved ones. Start early at 9:00 or come as usual at 10:00

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### **Solstice Bonfire - Saturday, Dec 21, 4:00 to 5:30**

pm in Prairie's backyard. S'mores, cocoa, and campfire songs. All are welcome. Bring camp chairs. Contact DRE@uuprairie.org with questions