



**"Dwelling in your Grit: It's a Good Place to Be!" by Mary Sue Reutebuch**

**3rd Principle:** Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; **Value:** Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

**Order Of Service - May 4, 2025**

**Prelude:** "We Rise Again" by Leon Dubinsky, a songwriter from Sydney, Nova Scotia, for a 1984 stage musical *The Rise and Follies of Cape Breton*  
Performed by Mary Sue Reutebuch

**Welcome:** KD Thompson

**Chalice Lighting:** Written by Harold S. Kushner in the foreword to the 2006 edition of Viktor Frankl's book, *Man's Search for Meaning*

"Terrible as it was, his experience in Auschwitz reinforced what was already one of his key ideas: Life is not primarily a quest for pleasure, as Freud believed, or a quest for power, as Alfred Adler taught, but a quest for meaning. The greatest task for any person is to find meaning in his or her life. Frankl saw three possible sources for meaning: in work (doing something significant), in love (caring for another person), and in courage during difficult times."

**New Member Recognition for:**

Laura Clark, Dory Lightfoot, Ari Lo, and Tim Reutebuch

**All:**

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.

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.

**New Member Welcome Music:** "Bond of Union Song", music is inside the back cover of the gray hymnal, lyrics by Dean Schroeder, accompanied by Susanne Oliver

**Story For All Ages:** *The Walrus and the Carpenter* by Lewis Carroll, read by Marty Drapkin

**Children's Recessional** by Joyce Poley, accompanied by Susanne Oliver

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:** "Dwelling in your Grit: It's a Good Place to Be!" by Mary Sue Reutebuch

**Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** "Be Not Afraid", by Robert J. Dufford, S.J., performed by Mary Sue Reutebuch

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**Closing Words:** excerpt from, "You Can Do this Hard Thing" by musician and poet, Carrie Newcomer

The worst it had happened  
And I did not want to be alone  
You quietly listened  
You said we'll see this through  
You can do this hard thing  
It's not easy I know but  
I believe that it's so  
You can do this hard thing  
Here we stand breathless  
And pressed in hard times  
Hearts hung like laundry  
On backyard clotheslines  
Impossible just takes  
A little more time

**Closing Music:** "The May Day Carol" English folk song, arr. Barron, accompanied by Karen Smith, Barb Park, Ann Sawyer, Dan Proud, and Susanne Oliver. Lyrics are on a separate handout.

### **Announcements**

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

##### **Greet Your Neighbor**

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#### **Prairie's 2nd Quarter Offertory Sharing**

Leopold Community Assistance Network (CAN), which helps Leopold School families in crisis with eviction-prevention funds, housing entry fees, immigration resources, and other needs.

### **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!

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#### **Next Sunday "Keeping it Real-Keeping it Kind" by Mary Sue Reutebuch**

Honesty and kindness are crucial for all our relationships as they foster respect, trust, and authentic connections. Honesty allows for transparency and kindness preserves the person or group's dignity, even when disagreements arise. So how do we keep honesty and kindness intact when emotions are high? Through self reflection and group discussion, we will define improved communication approaches. We plan to identify practices that promote honest and kind communication where all feel heard and valued.

**Next Sunday in RE:** Peer Group classes, including OWL for registered 4th-6th grade students.

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#### **Pancake Brunch - Sunday, May 11, 11:30**

Prairie Guy's Group will be serving a Pancake Brunch on Mother's Day, after the service on Sunday, May 11th. All are invited!

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#### **Prairie's Spring Parish Meeting - Sunday, May 18, 10:00 am**

We'll start with a very short service and then move right into our parish meeting. Members will be voting on the Financial Reserves Committee proposal and new board members.

**Just Bakery** will have baked goods for sale after the parish meeting on Sunday May 18.