

# Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

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## "From Guatemala to Madison and Back: An Adoption Story"

by Robin Carré

October 15, 2017

### Announcements

#### Order of Service

**Prelude:** Performed by Mary Frantz.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Penny Eiler.

#### **Opening Words:**

"Adoption carries the added dimension of connection not only to your own tribe but beyond, widening the scope of what constitutes love, ties, and family. It is the larger embrace." – Isabella Rossellini

**Testimonial:** Barbara and Ron Frye.

**\*Opening Hymn #128 (SLT):** "For All That is Our Life"  
Mary Frantz, accompanist.

#### **Chalice Lighting:**

"Every day brings struggle, every day brings joy. Every day brings us the opportunity to ease the struggle of another, to be the joy in another's life. May this flame remind us to carry our light to each other and to the world." – Vance Bass

**Story for All Ages:** "Over the Moon: An Adoption Tale," by Karen Katz. Read by Erin Bosch

**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.*

#### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Silent Meditation**

**Presentation:** "From Guatemala to Madison and Back: An Adoption Story" by Robin Carré.

#### **Discussion**

**Offering and Offertory:** Performed by Mary Frantz.

#### **Introduction of Guests and Visitors**

**\*Closing Hymn #134:** "Our World is One World"

#### **Closing Words:**

"The United States adopts more children internationally, but also domestically, than the rest of the world combined. The good, the bad and the ugly all play out here in bigger ways than they do elsewhere simply because the process is older and more developed here, for better or for worse." – Adam Pertman, Executive Director of the Donaldson Adoption Institute and author of Adoption Nation.

#### **Greet Your Neighbor**

\*Please stand as you are able.

*Andy Garst is today's tech assistant.*

**Green Note:** It's time to start thinking about Thanksgiving! To reduce food waste, consider asking your guests to bring food storage containers. After the meal, distribute the leftovers evenly.

**We will share our offering for the rest of the year** with Beacon House, the homeless day shelter scheduled to open Oct. 16. The shelter will offer laundry facilities, counseling, and help finding employment, as well as a place to stay warm and fed during the day. Prairie is trying to do its part!

**Annual Fall Parish meeting on November 19!** We'll be discussing and voting on the 2018 budget. Please attend!

**Today is Soup Sunday!** Stay after the service to share a meal with your family and friends. Suggested donation of \$5, kids and visitors are on us. No one is turned away!

**Circle Dinners are organizing soon, please sign up!** Circle Dinners are rotating potlucks among assigned groups of Prairie members/families. If you join, you agree to host one meal for your group of 8-10 people during the year. This is a fabulous way to learn more about a set of Prairie friends. People usually host in their home or creatively find another location such as at Prairie, a community site, private club or park shelter, or arrange for a meal at a local restaurant. Email Heidi Hughes (hughesha@yahoo.com) or Erin Bosch (hillfarms2002@yahoo.com) or sign up in the foyer if you would like to join in on this great social event!

**Stay after the service on October 29** for a Town Hall Meeting. Topic of conversation TBA.

#### **Prairie UU Society Bond of Union**

*We, the members of Prairie, wish to associate ourselves together in a religious community which affirms that we share a common humanity, that we need one another, and that our futures are inescapably bound together. Together we would expand our intellectual horizons, enrich our sensory experiences, and deepen our emotional sensitivities. We would sharpen our ethical awareness and broaden our sense of social responsibility. We would stand tall in our quest for integrity of life, yet not at others' expense. 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.*

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## Calendar

### **Sunday, October 22, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service  
10:00 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex

### **Sunday, October 29, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service  
10:30 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex  
11:30 Town Hall Meeting

### **Friday, November 3, 2017**

6:00 Board Game Night

### **Saturday, November 4, 2017**

5:00 Men's Shelter Breakfast  
9:00 PrairieWOW meets in Annex

### **Sunday, November 5, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service  
10:00 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex  
11:45 Humanist Union in Annex

### **Monday, November 6, 2017**

6:30 Program Committee in Annex

### **Sunday, November 12, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service  
10:00 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex  
11:30 Board meets in Annex

### **Sunday, November 19, 2017**

8:45 Choir Rehearsal in Annex  
10:00 Service  
10:00 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade OWL in Annex  
11:30 Soup Sunday  
12:00 Parish Meeting

### **Sunday, November 26, 2017**

10:00 Service

### **Friday, December 1, 2017**

6:00 Board Game Night

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## **Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations**

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

### **Next week's service:**

"Dane Sanctuary Coalition," by Sergio Gonzales.

