

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

2010 Whenona Drive, Madison 53711

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Rev. Ralph Tyksinski, Minister

Sunday, May 25, 2008

Prelude – *Swing Down Low* - Prairie Choir

Welcome – Rachel Long, President

Opening Words – Rebecca Malke-Eligenti

The beauty of my body is not measured by the size of the clothes it can fit into, but by the stories that it tells. I have a belly and hips that say, “We grew a child in here,” and breasts that say, “We nourished life.” My hands, with bitten nails and a writer’s callus, say, “We create amazing things.” - - Sarah, from *I Am Beautiful: A Celebration of Women in Their Own Words*.

\*Hymn #7 – *The Leaf Unfurling*, Sarah Babcock, accompanist

Chalice Lighting

The whole point of woman-centered birth is the knowledge that a woman is the birth power source. She may need, and deserve, help, but in essence, she always had, currently has, and will have the power.  
– Heather McCue

Silent Meditation

Religious Education Class Presentation by the High School Class

Story for All Ages – *On the Day that You Were Born*  
read by Rebecca Malke-Eligenti

## Joys and Concerns

Hymn # 117 – *C Light of Life*

Presentation - “Birth Options in the Madison Area” -  
Aszani Kunkler

## Discussion

Offertory – *All the Pretty Little Horses*  
performed by Doleta Chapru and Mary Mullen

## Introduction of Visitors

## Announcements

\*Hymn #409 – *Sleep My Child*

## Closing Words –

“There is no way out of the experience except through it, because it is not really your experience at all but the baby’s. Your body is the child’s instrument of birth.” – Penelope Leach

Welcome to our service! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship. Thanks to all who participated in today’s service. Mary Mullen coordinated this service for the Program Committee.

## Announcements

**Board Meeting** will take place today after service.

**Meditation group** meets downstairs at 11:45 today.

**Book Group** will discuss *Shape Shifter* by Tony Hillerman today at 11:45 a.m. and *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett on Sunday, June 29.

**Prairie Elders** will meet on Tuesday, May 27, at 1:30 p.m. at Oakwood West. The topic will be "Creative Aging," to be defined in any way you choose.

**Congregational Planning Session III** with Dan Wiseman will be on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**WOW (Women's Group)** has changed meeting dates for June. The meeting will be Saturday, June 7 at the home of Kathy Converse.

**Humanist Union** will meet Sunday, June 1, for potluck and discussion.

## Calendar

### **Sunday, May 25**

10:00 a.m. "Birth Options in the Madison Area" presented by Aszani Kunkler

11:45 a. m. Board Meeting

11:45 a.m. Book Club meets

11:45 a.m. Meditation group meets

### **Tuesday, May 27**

1:30 p.m. Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood West

### **Sunday, June 1**

10:00 a.m. Transition Sunday

### **Monday, June 2**

6:30 p.m. Spanish Speakers potluck at the home of Dave and Marcia Johnson

### **Saturday, June 7**

9:00 a.m. WOW meets at the home of Kathy Converse, 630 Pickford St.

### **Sunday, June 8**

10:00 a.m. "The Flower Communion and its Founder" presented by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski