

## Summer Reads

### Order of Service

**June 26, 2022**

**Prelude:** "Elfin Tarantelle" from Summer Dreams by Beach performed by Amber

**Welcome and Announcements:** Karen Deaton

**Opening Music:** "How Can I Keep From Reading" Lyrics written by Metje Butler, sung to #108 (SLT) "My Life Flows on in Endless Song." *Lyrics in right hand column.*

**Chalice Lighting:** by Carl Sagan

A book is made from a tree. It is an assemblage of flat, flexible parts (still called "leaves") imprinted with dark pigmented squiggles. One glance at it and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, the author is speaking, clearly and silently, inside your head, directly to you. Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people, citizens of distant epochs, who never knew one another. Books break the shackles of time - proof that humans can work magic.

**Story for All Ages:** *This is Sadie* by Sara O'Leary.

**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:** Summer Reads. You are all invited to Recommend a book.

**Offering and Offertory:** "Robin Redbreast" from Summer Dreams by Beach performed by Amber.

**Closing Words:** by Phillip Pullman.

We don't need a list of rights and wrongs, tables of dos and don'ts: we need books, time, and silence. 'Thou shalt not' is soon forgotten, but 'Once upon a time' lasts forever." - Philip Pullman

**Closing Music:** "Come Read a Book With Me" sung to #346 (SLT). *Lyrics on back.*

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

**Lyrics:** "How Can I Keep From Reading" sung to #108 (SLT) "My Life Flows on in Endless Song", with special lyrics below written by Metje Butler.

My life flows on in endless words above earth's lamentation

I hear the real but far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult & the strife I see those words I'm needing.

They sound an echo in my soul, how can I keep from reading?

What tho' the tempest loudly roars I know the truth it liveth,

What tho' the darkness round me close, words in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while on that truth I'm feeding,

Since books have given me such joy, how can I keep from reading?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it,

And day by day this pathway clears since I first learned to love it.

The peace of words restores my soul, a signpost ever leading,

All things are mine since I love books, how can I keep from reading?

### **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.*

Lyrics: "Come Read a Book With Me" words by Rose Smith

Come read a book with me  
 Come read a book with me  
 Come read a book with me  
 That I might know your mind.  
     And I'll bring you hope, when hope is hard to find  
     And I'll bring a book of love  
     And a rose in the winter time.

Come read a poem to me  
 Come read a poem to me  
 Come read a poem to me  
 That I might know your mind.  
     And I'll bring you hope, when hope is hard to find  
     And I'll bring a book of poems  
     And a rose in the winter time.

Come share a quote with me  
 Come share a quote with me  
 Come share a quote with me  
 That I might know your mind.  
     And I'll bring you hope, when hope is hard to find  
     And I'll bring lots of quotes  
     And a rose in the winter time.

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Announcements

We are sharing our offering this quarter with The Catalyst Project, a small community of up to three single moms and their young kids who have experienced homelessness. Catalyst offers collaborative problem-solving, trauma-informed mentoring, and client-specific therapeutic intervention. The Catalyst Project was founded on the belief that the wisdom of those grossly mistreated by our society and its discriminatory systems is essential to creating a society that serves all of its people.

Spiritual Exploration Group will meet on Thursday, June 30 at 1:00 p.m. No preparation or reading is required; it will be an opportunity to quiet our minds, share what's going on in our hearts, experience presence together, and deepen our sense of community. Please join us!

Rev. Matt's Summer Schedule Rev. Matt will be at GA from 6/17 to 6/27 and back at Prairie from 6/28 to 7/5. From 7/6 to 8/6, Rev. Matt will be taking vacation and study leave and will be unavailable except in case of emergency. He will be watching for urgent emergencies (family emergencies, natural disasters, etc.), but will be largely disconnected, especially from 7/14 to 7/24 when he will be in the Northwoods. Staff has instructions on escalation procedures in case of emergency.

PrairieWOW meets on Saturday, July 2, at 10:00 a.m. Prairie's women's group - Women of Wonder (WOW) - meets the first Saturday of almost every month at 10 a.m. ALL women associated with Prairie are welcome to attend – especially newcomers.

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

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

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