

"Summer Reads" by Prairie

Order Of Service - June 8th, 2025

Prelude: "Essay in Blue" by Edmondson,
performed by Amber

Welcome: Johanna Hatch

Chalice Lighting

Yesterday, our distant ancestors gathered round a flame to share their stories and find comfort.

Tomorrow, our descendants will gather round a flame, talking of a life we will never know.

But today, it is we who gather here, around this flame; seeking, believing, and being, together.

Opening Music: "Come, Read a Book with Me", sung to #346 SLT, words by Rose Smith, accompanied by Amber. Lyrics are on the back of this page.

Story For All Ages: *This is a Story*, by John Schu, read by Karen Deaton

Youth and RE volunteers Invited to Share Books

Children's Recessional by Joyce Poley, accompanied by Amber

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" by Prairie
During today's service, everyone is invited to share a book recommendation. We'll pass a handheld microphone around instead of coming up to the podium. Please include:

- A brief description (avoid major plot spoilers)
- Why you enjoyed the book!

Offering and Offertory: "Octopus's Garden" by Starkey, performed by Amber. Lyrics will be projected on screen if you'd like to sing along.

Closing Words

"A word after a word after a word is power." – Margaret Atwood

Closing Music: #414 SLT "As We Leave This Friendly Place" (sing twice) accompanied by Amber

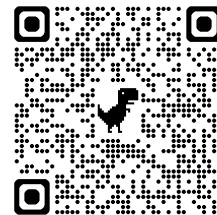
Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Greet Your Neighbor

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

Scan this QR Code to enter a book recommendation





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Lyrics to "Come, Read a Book With Me" 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.

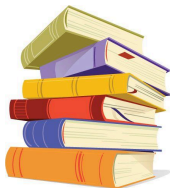
And I'll bring you hope, when hope is hard to find
And I'll bring a book of love
And a rose in the winter time.

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.



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

Today - Prairie UU Parents' Group (PUUPs)

After the service, bring along your picnic lunch and we'll walk to Marlborough park (about 1 block away) and find a spot to sit together.

Today - Visitor Orientation

Curious about Prairie UU Society? Then come to the Visitor Orientation today after the service. Please meet in the foyer by the welcoming table.

Next Sunday, June 15th: "Everything I Need to Know About Life I Learned from a Broadway Musical" by Mary Sue Reutebuch

From Hamilton's revolutionary casting to Les Misérables' radical compassion, Broadway musicals have been singing our UU song all along. Join us as we explore how musical theater illuminates our seven principles—from inherent worth and dignity to the interconnected web of existence. Through stories of transformation, justice, and hope set to unforgettable melodies, we'll discover why the theater might just be our most unexpected spiritual teacher. Come ready to see faith through show tunes!

Next Sunday in RE: Our downstairs RE space will be empty in preparation for new flooring! We'll learn about being mindful in our special spaces.

Seeking Prairie Retreat Activity Leaders

We are gearing up for our annual Prairie retreat which is again at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville, **Sept 26-28th**. Every year people lead activities such as crafts, games, hikes and discussions to enhance our retreat experience.

Please see Prairie's news of the week email for the link to the online Activities Survey. There are a few printed copies on the hymnal cart today as well. An initial schedule and registration will open in July. Hope to see you all there in September!