

Blue Hills UU Fellowship Order of Service
Our Favorite Books
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Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the chalice #458:

Mindful of truth ever exceeding our knowledge
and community ever exceeding our practice,
reverently we covenant together, beginning with ourselves as we are,
to share the strength of integrity and the heritage of spirit
in the unending quest for wisdom and love.

Opening words: Reading is a form of prayer, a guided meditation that briefly makes us believe we're someone else, disrupting the delusion that we're permanent and at the center of the universe. Suddenly (we're saved!) other people are real again, and we're fond of them.
—George Saunders

Joys and Concerns

A Reading Winter: sharing our favorite books with one another.

“ There is no Frigate like a Book“ by Emily Dickinson

Music: Get Your Head in a Book. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWLiJBg3wA>

Closing words: All good books are alike in that they are truer than if they had really happened, and after you are finished reading one, you will feel that all that happened to you and afterwards it all belongs to you; the good and the bad, the ecstasy, the remorse and sorrow, the people and the places and how the weather was. —Ernest Hemingway

Extinguish the chalice: We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Friendship “circle”: Go well into life now, and when you need us, always remember here you will find the hands of friends.