



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
MAY 17, 2026**

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10:30 AM

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening Voluntary

Come Away to the Skies
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Evan Thomas

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Kyrie Eleison

Russian Orthodox Chant

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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***Responsive Reading**

Michael Aumack

One: Surely the dead go on living—

All: The dust of their DNA clings to our clothes.

One: Time turns them to soil, out of soil blooms a wild meadow.

**All: And still we long for the dead in the form that we knew them—
a laugh recognizable, an embrace familiar.**

One: The power of the Holy Spirit is her longing for intimacy—

All: to know and to be known. To love and to be loved.

One: And so it is with us— We long, we cherish, we embrace, we yearn.

All: We miss the dead & we, courageously, go on living.

Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty, gath-ered in the name of
 Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty: Let us—bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in—
 splen-did, var-ied ways, sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Mysterious Compassion, we long to honor each other’s differences, to make room for the many ways to live a life. We want to protect each other’s right to self-determination. At the same time, we desire to be united in purpose. We desire soulful relationships across differences. Guide us in wisdom as we ebb and flow between the personal and the collective. Unite our individual longing with the longings of Interdependent Love as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of[a] James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.



Child of blessing, child of promise, love's creation, loved indeed! Fresh from
 God, refresh our spirits; in to joy and laughter lead.

A Moment With Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

God of the Deep
 Aubrie Culver, soloist

Dan Forrest

*Each time I stand and wonder at the vastness of the sea,
 I know that there are mysteries too great and deep for me.
 The wide expanse of water reaches far beyond my sight,
 And yet I know the One to whom its depths are full of light.*

*The mighty waves roll in to shore and break upon the sand,
 Compelled by unseen forces that I cannot understand.
 The currents run beneath the waves in perfect, charted paths;
 A skillful hand directs their courses, as it ever has.*

*The ocean teems with living things who never see the sun,
 And yet there is an eye who sees and knows them, every one;
 And that same eye has fathomed all the mysteries of my days;
 When tears have dimmed my sight, a heart of Love still charts my ways.*

*When simple explanations lie too deep for me to find,
 I rest in God who holds the whole creation in His mind.
 I hope in Him whose skill and wisdom far exceed my own.
 The secrets of the hidden depths belong to God alone.*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Come Away to the Skies

arr. Alice Parker

*Come away to the skies, my beloved arise
And rejoice in the day thou wast born,
On this festival day come exulting away,
And with singing to Zion return.*

*We have laid up our love and our treasures above,
Though our bodies continue below;
The redeemed of the Lord shall remember His word,
And with singing to Paradise go.*

*Hallelujah we sing to our Father and King,
And His rapturous praises repeat;
To the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again;
Sing all heaven, and fall at His feet.*

Sermon

“Don’t Look Up”

Dr. Robu

Closing Hymn

Abide with Me

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Our God Reigns

arr. David Blackwell

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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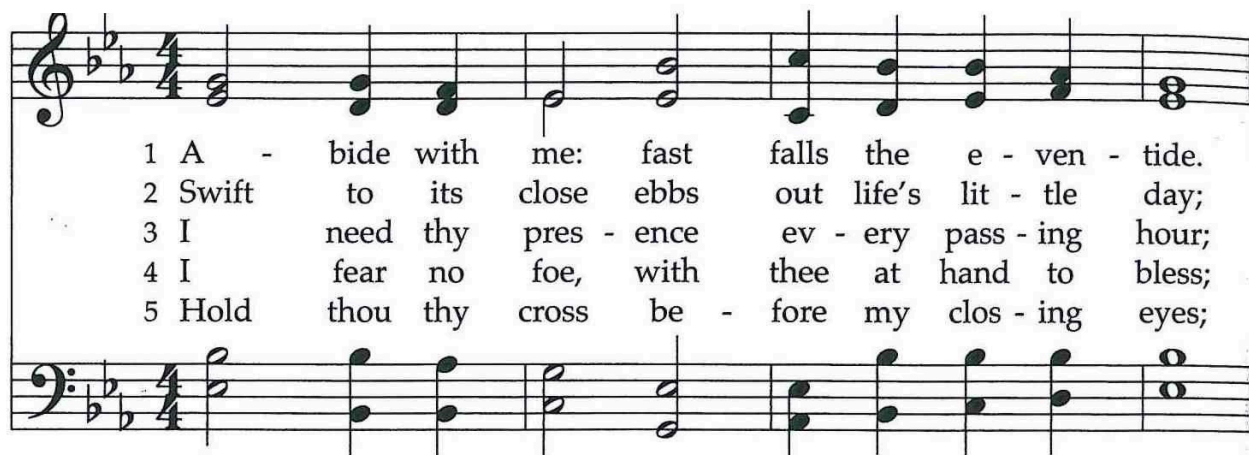
1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate
 2 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial
 3 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

fall, let an - gels pros-trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a -
 ball, on this ter - res - trial ball, to him all maj - es - ty as -
 fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing

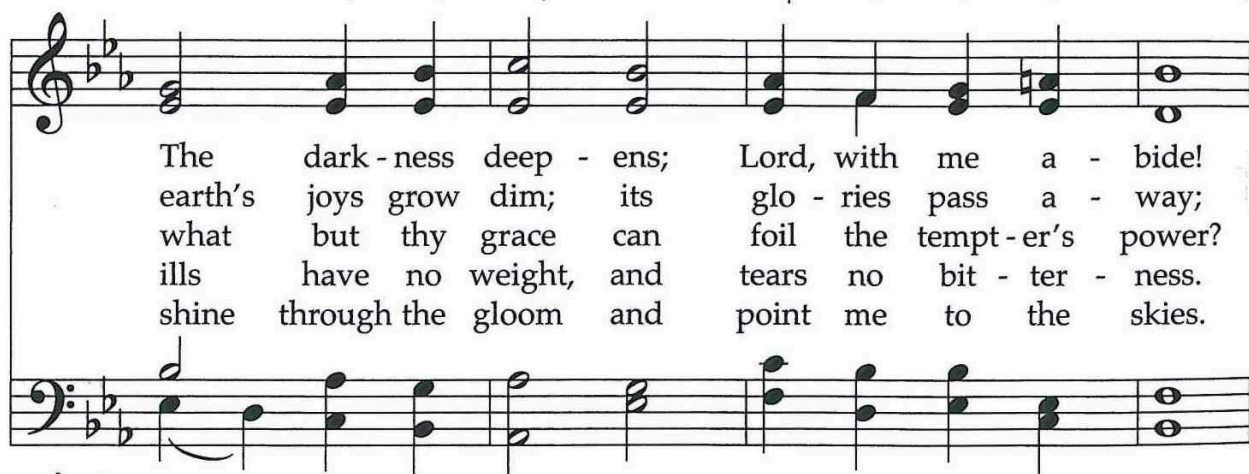
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crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
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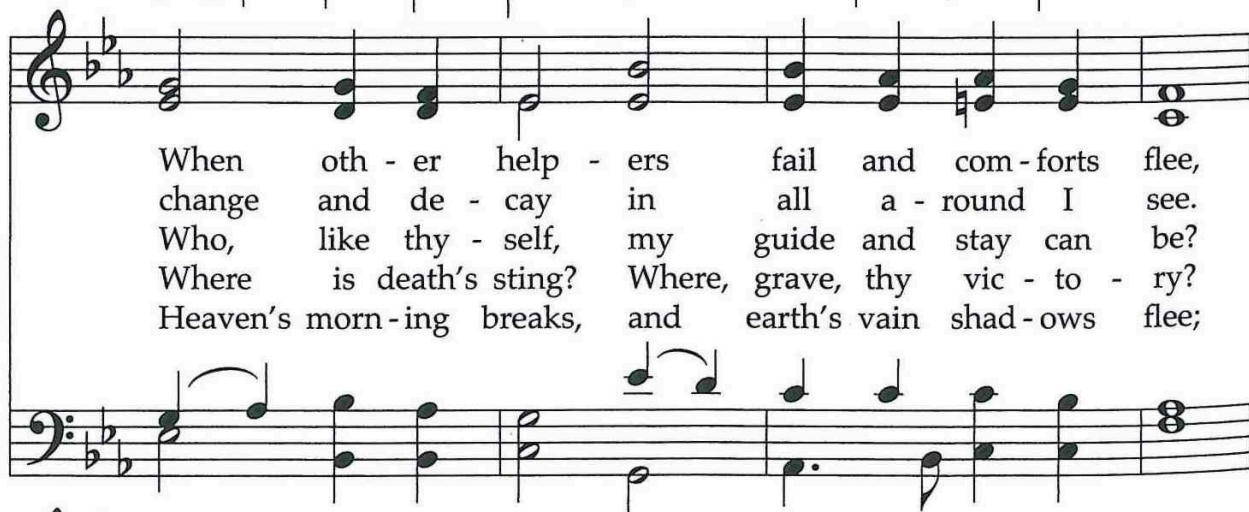
Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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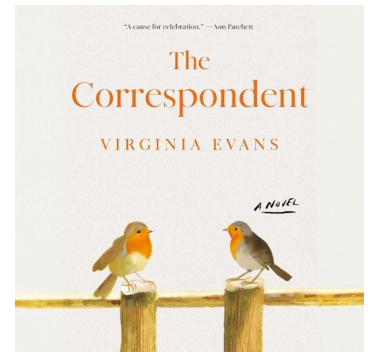
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Summer Reads – choose 1, 2, 3, or 4 of these books to read over the summer and we will discuss them all when we meet in August

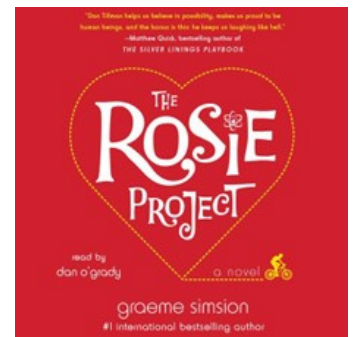
The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

In development as a major motion picture starring Jane Fonda Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.



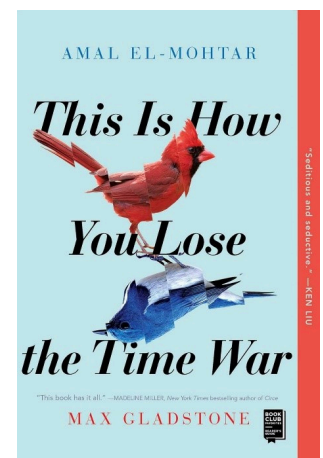
The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

The international bestselling romantic comedy “bursting with warmth, emotional depth, and...humor,” (Entertainment Weekly) featuring the oddly charming, socially challenged genetics professor, Don, as he seeks true love.



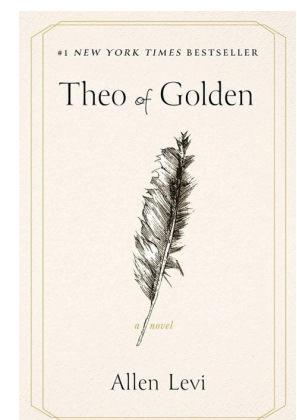
This is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone (won the Hugo, Nebula, and Locus awards)

Among the ashes of a dying world, an agent of the Commandant finds a letter. It reads: Burn before reading. Thus begins an unlikely correspondence between two rival agents hellbent on securing the best possible future for their warring factions. Now, what began as a taunt, a battlefield boast, grows into something more. Something epic. Something romantic. Something that could change the past and the future



Theo of Golden by Alan Levi

Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their “rightful owners.” With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered.



JUNE 1 to 7, 2026



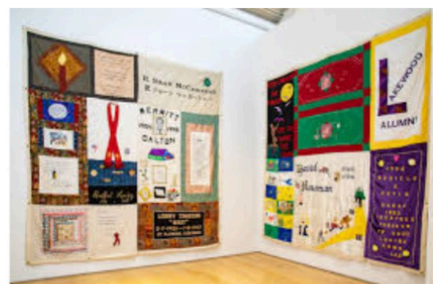
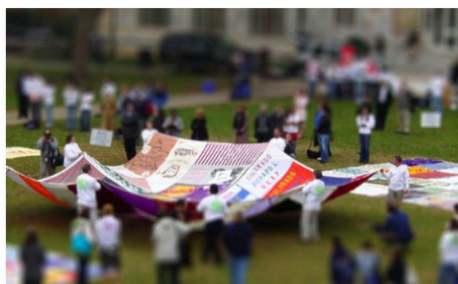
Mission: By sharing the story of the struggle against HIV/AIDS, we remember, in perpetuity, the lives lost, we offer healing and hope to survivors, and we inspire new generations of activists in the fight against stigma, denial, and hate for a just future.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt at Plymouth - Public Display Hours

- June 1 – 5 Weekdays from 10 am to 2 pm in Fellowship Hall
- June 5 First Friday Art Display from 5:30 to 8 pm
- June 7 Sunday from 9 am to noon

We are pleased to announce that Plymouth Congregational Church and the National AIDS Memorial are partnering together to bring twelve panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt (the Quilt) to Wichita as part of the Community Display Program. The Quilt panels will be on display at Plymouth from June 1 through 7, 2026. The display is free to the public, with any donations received supporting the mission and work of Plymouth.

“The Quilt sections on display connect the story of AIDS directly to the work we do to provide services, educate, and raise greater awareness about HIV today. The Quilt offers an important reflection about the tremendous loss of life, allowing us to remember those we’ve lost, ensure their lives are never forgotten, and provide hope for the future.”



All God's Children



Strengthening one another in love,
understanding and unity.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 15-19, 2026

5:30 DINNER ~ 6:00 - 8:00 PM VBS

Sponsored by Neighborhood Churches
Hosted by St. James Episcopal



sign up to volunteer



sign up your child

Wed Night Dinners

May 20 - Assemble Birthday Cake Kits

May 27 - Book Club: Last dinner til Fall!

Wednesday Night
Dinner!
WED / MAY 20th
Help assemble
Birthday Kits for the
Kansas Food Pantry



Menu:
Summer Picnic
Burgers &
Brats
Pasta Salad

MAY

Birthdays

Michael Safley	May 3	Tim Robu	May 16
Mary Short	May 4	Judy Frick	May 19
Rich Smola	May 7	Anna Uhlig	May 20
Teresa Young	May 8	Cindy Perkins	May 21
Alan Roskam	May 11	Claire Watson	May 22
Cindy Couch	May 14	Nancy Roskam	May 31
Mary Thomas	May 15		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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****APRIL****
 10:30 WORSHIP
 YOUTH SUNDAY

27
 AEROBICS
 PRAIRIE WIND FOLK
 DANCING

28

29
 AEROBICS
 WED DINNER
 PANDO INITIATIVE SPEAKER
 CHOIR REHEARSAL

30
 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE

1
 AEROBICS

2

MAY 1ST

3
 9:00 ADULT STUDY GROUP
 10:30 WORSHIP
MAY DAY BRUNCH

4
 AEROBICS
 PRAIRIE WIND FOLK
 DANCING

5
5:30 PM CABINET

6
 AEROBICS
 WED DINNER
 GRACE MED SPEAKER
 CHOIR REHEARSAL

7
 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE

8
 AEROBICS

9

10
 NO GROWTH STEERING MEETING
 10:30 WORSHIP

11
 AEROBICS
 PRAIRIE WIND FOLK
 DANCING

12

13
 AEROBICS
 WED NIGHT DINNER
 DULL CREATIVES
 CHOIR REHEARSAL

14
 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE

15
 AEROBICS

16

17
 10:30 WORSHIP
 NO MISSIONS BOARD MEETING

18
 AEROBICS
 PRAIRIE WIND FOLK
 DANCING

19
 INVESTMENT CLUB

20
 AEROBICS
 WED NIGHT DINNER
 BIRTHDAY KIT BUILDING
 CHOIR REHEARSAL

21
 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE

22
 AEROBICS

23

24
 10:30 AM WORSHIP
MAY 31
 9:15 AM CE BOARD
 10:30 WORSHIP
 11:30 DEACONS

25
 AEROBICS
 PRAIRIE WIND FOLK
 DANCING

26
5:30 PM TRUSTEES

27
 AEROBICS
 WED NIGHT DINNER
 BOOK CLUB

28
 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE

29
 AEROBICS

30

****MEMORIAL DAY****
 OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED

****LAST WED DINNER TIL AUGUST****