

Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry July 6, 2023
Session Plan
Summer Creatures

Opening Words

It starts with the Peepers announcing the coming of spring—heard but not always seen.

And then other frogs and toads sometimes hop out unexpectedly.

Birds start appearing, from humming birds to birds of prey, all ages and sounds, on water and on land.

And turtles come out of the waters in search of soft dirt to lay eggs.

Not to mention the insects and similar creatures that may delight but also deter our activities.

And the night creatures like moths and lightning bugs and day flitting butterflies.

We are summer creatures, with worship of the sun and yet sometimes burdened by the very energy that calls us out. We are sometimes ‘indoor’ summer creatures with fans and AC.

Check-in/sharing: How is it with you today?

Topic/Activity:

How is the summer for you? How is this summer similar or different from other summers?

Share experiences with summer creatures this year or in the past.

Are summer creatures any part of summer spirituality?

What impact are concerns like climate change affecting you this summer, including abundance or absence or timing of summer creatures?

Check-out, Likes and Wishes:

Summer comes each year, much the same yet with differences.

May the encounters of each summer be rich.

May we be aware of the creatures that enliven our differences each year, changes or not.

May your summer be rich with experiences of summer creatures.