

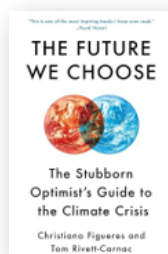
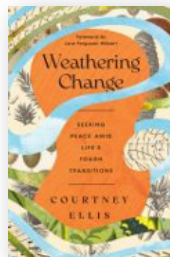


# summer READING LIST

Continue your learning from recent and upcoming sermon series or read for fun with these recommendations from our pastors, Creation Care & Inclusion teams, and Messiah's Book Club:

## Creation Care

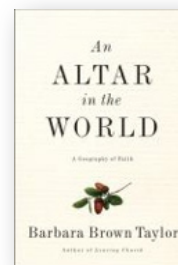
***Weathering Change: Seeking Peace Amid Life's Tough Transitions* by Courtney Ellis** — This book is a deep dive into the ways God's creation experiences transitions and what we can learn from it when it comes to adapting to change in our own lives. From seasons to climate, life cycles to habitats, we have much to learn from nature about how we might find peace amidst tough transition. The author provides spiritual and pastoral guidance for discovering God's hope and peace amid the challenges and hurts of change.



***The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis* by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac** — In this cautionary but optimistic book, the authors who were the architects of the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement, outline two possible scenarios for the planet. In one, they describe what life on Earth will be like by 2050 if we fail to meet the Paris targets for carbon dioxide emission reduction. In the other, they describe what it will take to create and live in a carbon neutral, regenerative world. This book presents our options and tells us, in no uncertain terms, what governments, corporations, and each of us can and must do to fend off disaster.

## Inclusion

***So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo** — The author guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life.

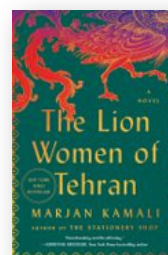


***An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor** — This author shares how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life. She shows us how to discover altars everywhere we go and in nearly everything we do as we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in.

## Messiah Book Club

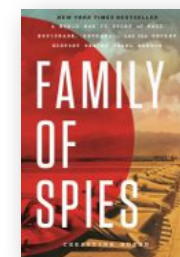
Check out the Messiah Women's Book Club! They meet once a month on Sundays from 4-5:30 pm in Heritage Hall (dates below). All book lovers are welcome!

***The Bird Hotel* by Joyce Maynard** — (July 19 read) This book tells the story of a young American who, after suffering tragedy, restores and runs La Llorona Hotel in a Central American village. Along the way we meet a rich assortment of characters who live in the village or come to stay at the hotel. With a mystery at its center and filled with warmth, drama, romance, humor, pop culture, and a little magical realism.



***The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali** — (August 16 read) This book follows the lifelong, turbulent friendship of two Iranian women. Spanning from the 1950s to the 2020s, it explores the devastating impact of the 1979 Iranian Revolution, deep-seated class divides, and a shattering betrayal that separates the women for decades.

***Family of Spies: A World War II Story of Nazi Espionage, Betrayal, and the Secret History Behind Pearl Harbor* by Christine Kuehn** — (September 20 read) A propulsive, never-before-told story of one family's shocking involvement as Nazi and Japanese spies during WWII and the pivotal role they played in the bombing of Pearl Harbor.



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