

At the service at Northlake UU Church on 4/28, I asked attendees to type into chat twice during the service to share their experiences with mirrors and windows. Here are their responses...

Mirrors

My intro: “think of any time in any story – a book, a comic, a movie, a TV show, a video game – where you saw yourself reflected. Where you recognized yourself in another character – it could be something really important about your core identity that you saw reflected, or it could just be a little thing about you that helped you feel more normal – more connected to other people.”

- Pippi Longstocking
- The Bean Trees
- Labyrinth
- Laura Ingalls Wilder – a little brown haired girl
- A Wrinkle in Time
- Anne of Green Gables living in the country
- Olive Kitteridge played by Frances McDormand
- When Peggy Sue Got Married;
- Heidi – because Heidi was kind to her cousin Clara. I was sure I was meant to live on a mountain. I loved my Grandpa.
- Several mentioned Little Women and Jo March, Amy March; “I related to Beth, the third sister. Like her I was quiet and shy, loved music but hated performing in front of other people.”
- “The Good Place” Chidi not being about to decide things.
- when Hermione had packed all these books and her backpack was ripping open
- Most of Patrick McManus books.
- At one point I connected with the quiet singer on Sister Act who found her voice.
- In Dirty Dancing, Baby felt she was going to change the world. Make the world a better place
- Alice in Wonderland...curiouser and curiouser
- Ugly Betty, the first time I could identify with an actress that was not the "thin" that had always been acceptable.
- Patch Adams: "If we're going to fight a disease, let's fight one of the most terrible diseases of all, indifference."
- Even Cowgirls Get the Blues had a great impact on me as a young adult...freeing.

Windows

My intro: “share some of your favorite windows. Don’t feel like these have to be great art... just share books or movies that helped to give YOU insight into other lives.”

- The Kite Runner (book)
- My Grandmother's Hands

- Hidden Figures
- Unbowed - Wangari Maathai
- Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly
- The United States of Al
- Fresh off the Boat
- in some RPG games like Dragon Age, you can choose a character from an oppressed minority, customize your character with different gender, sexual orientation, races, skin colors, body, etc. All these elements have an effect on your game experience.
- The Seeds of Vandana Shiva
- The Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley - member of Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Available as an audiobook
- Starfish by Lisa Fipps
- all Louise Erdich books
- For folks who enjoy lightweight superhero TV shows, I really like the way the writers on "Supergirl" (why not "Superwoman"?) have made transgender rights a key theme centered around the character "Dreamer," played by Nicole Maines, a transgender actor and activist.
- I appreciate that 9-1-1: Lonestar has a trans male firefighter played by a trans actor
- Lupe Wong Won't Dance by Donna Barba Higuera
- the Distance Between Us, Reyna Grande. Mexican girl whose parents left to the US. the kids left behind...

A recommended resource: "Why Stop at Windows and Mirrors? Children's Book Prisms" by Uma Krishnaswami <https://www.hbook.com/?detailStory=why-stop-at-windows-and-mirrors-childrens-book-prisms>