



## *Day of Remembrance*

November 1st, 2021  
2:00 pm



### ❧ ORDER OF SERVICE ❧

#### **Prelude**

*"Cathedral Echoes" by Mona Rejino*  
Performed by Penny Purkerson

#### **Welcome & Opening**

Rev. Corey Passons, Interfaith Works Program  
Manager for Interfaith Relations

#### **Reading**

*"If You Knew" by Ellen Bass*

#### **Litany**

Meg Martin, Interfaith Works Executive  
Director

#### **Musical Interlude**

*"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*  
By Cesáreo Gabaráin

#### **Reading**

*"Life After Death" by Laura Gilpin*

#### **Message and Benediction**

Rev. Amanda Nicol, First United Methodist Church of  
Olympia

#### **Closing**

Rev. Corey Passons, Interfaith Works

 LITANY OF THE DEAD 

We gather today to mourn the deaths and celebrate the lives of those who died among us in this community who went unclaimed, died while houseless, or died of suicide. Many of us do not know their stories or who they were.

But we know their lives had meaning and value in the world and we gather today to remember and recognize their humanity and dignity as members of the one, human family.

Each of these were people had parents and other family. They may have had children and grandchildren, brothers, sisters and parents. They were someone's friend, neighbor, co-worker, client or patient.

Their lives may have included marriages and divorces, parenthood, scholarship, legal troubles, military service, home ownership, jobs, illnesses and all the ordinary and extraordinary joys and sorrows of life. They had dreams, they were unique, they were sacred, each and every one.

We remember them and we honor them by a reading of their names and lighting a candle for each name we read.

 RESPONSIVE LITURGY 

Today we pray for these individuals and for all our beloved dead.  
For those who were our neighbors, co-workers, clients or customers;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who we may have offended or who may have offended us;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died from sickness, disease or addiction;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died after a long life and for those who died young;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died slowly, painfully or from prolonged illness;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died suddenly or unexpectedly;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died in poverty-stricken or dehumanizing conditions;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died by violence, abuse or neglect;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died by suicide, in despair or without hope;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died unreconciled with family or community;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died amidst broken promised and unfulfilled dreams;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For those who died alone or unloved, unmourned or forgotten;

**Grant them peace and light.**

For all of us the living gathered today:

**Help us use our lives to bring peace and light into all the world.**

**May it be so. Amen.**

**NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED  
UNHOUSED**

Cole Daugherty  
Misty Davidson  
Dave Rivers  
Charles, aka "Critter"  
Old Man Polly  
David  
Angie Adams  
Michelle Burnham  
Patrick O'Neal  
Johnny  
Aubrey  
Shannen  
Little John  
Hatter  
Joycie  
Omni  
Byron Crone

**NAMES OF THE UNCLAIMED DEAD**

Steven Wayne Smith 5/20/1960 – 1/30/2021  
Dianne Barbara Klein 2/05/1951 – 8/28/2020  
Adrain Gregory Heinsohnn 5/06/1970 –  
10/24/2020  
Darrell William Ruck 5/02/1952 – 3/03/2021  
Robin Mooney (cremains dropped off at  
doorstep of funeral home) cremated on  
6/05/1998  
Jon Powers Clinton 7/02/1936 – 8/11/2020  
Diane Rogowski 1/02/1953 – 12/24/2020  
Randell Rhine 7/07/1963 – 1/15/2021  
Duane Warner 11/01/1952 – 3/05/2021  
Ernest Pullin 12/30/1955 – 1/25/2021

**RECOGNITION OF THOSE DIED BY SUICIDE**

39 persons died by suicide in the past year in  
Thurston County

## **“Let us be honest with death”**

**by A. Powell Davies**

Let us be honest with death.

Let us not pretend that it is less than it is.

It is separation. It is sorrow. It is grief.

But let us neither pretend that death is more than it is.

It is not annihilation.

As long as memory endures, it is not an end to love –

Humanity's need for love from each of us is boundless.

It is not an end to joy and laughter --

nothing would less honor one so vibrant than to make our lives drab in counterfeit respect!

Let us be honest with death, for in that honesty

we will understand the departed better and ourselves more deeply.

## **“They Are with Us Still” by Kathleen McTigue**

In the struggles we choose for ourselves,  
in the ways we move forward in our lives  
and bring our world forward with us,

It is right to remember the names of those  
who gave us strength in this choice of living.  
It is right to name the power of hard lives well-lived.

We share a history with those lives.  
We belong to the same motion.

They too were strengthened by what had gone  
before.  
They too were drawn on by the vision of what might  
come to be.

Those who lived before us,  
who struggled for justice and suffered injustice  
before us, have not melted into the dust,  
and have not disappeared.

They are with us still.  
The lives they lived hold us steady.

Their words remind us and call us back to ourselves.  
Their courage and love evoke our own.

We, the living, carry them with us:  
we are their voices, their hands and their hearts.

We take them with us,  
and with them choose the deeper path of living.

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