

Day of Remembrance

November 1st, 2021 2:00 pm

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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

CR LITANY OF THE DEAD SO

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 SO

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 Aubrev Shannen Little John Hatter **Joycie** Omni Byron Crone

RECOGNITION OF THOSE DIED BY SUICIDE

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

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

"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.

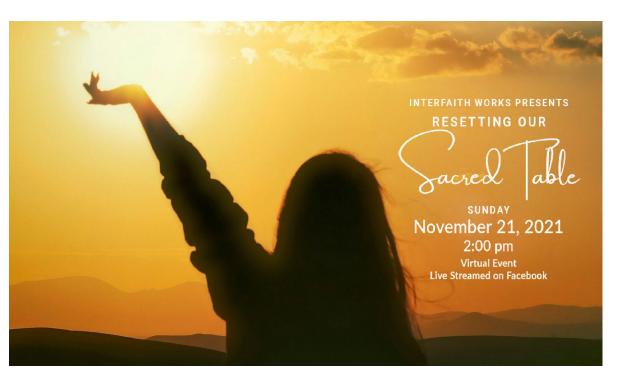
Their words remind us and call us back to ourselves. Their courage and love evoke our own.

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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