

## Order of Service October 30, 2022

### **Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering 'Loch Lomond' People's Ringers
Opening Words Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome Donna McClurkan
Announcements Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Introit 'My Life Flows on in Endless Song' (#108)
Chalice Lighting a shaling at home you are engaged to turn in

If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'

Words: 'Life's Sacred Dance' by Joanne Giannino

#### **Affirming our Connections**

Story for All 'Kisa Gotami and the Mustard Seed', a Buddhist Story
Diane Melvin, Director of Religious Education

Children and Teacher Recessional 'Go Forth' (Ramsey/Drake)

Go forth in peace, in search of wisdom, With love to guide you on your way And may the joy of life surround you Wherever you may go.

Offering Rev. Rachel Lonberg Support the good and important work of People's Church:

www.tinyurl.com/givetopeoples

Offertory Jennifer Drake

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

Donna McClurkan

From the countless gifts we each have been given, gifts of life and love and sustenance, we bring these small portions to share in the works of love which none of us can accomplish alone.

Joys and Sorrows

#### **Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration**

Silent Meditation

Spoken Meditation 'All is Dukkha' by Elizabeth Tarbox

Musical meditation 'Find a Stillness' (#352)

Readings 'Request' by Lawrence Raab

from Finding Beauty in a Broken World

by Terry Tempest Williams

'Burial' by Ross Gay

Music 'Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads' (#324)

Sermon Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Returning to the World

Closing song 'Abide With Me' (#101) People's Singers

Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

All are invited to stay on Zoom for 15 minutes of small group conversation.







# END-OF-LIFE

doing this now is a gift to your loved ones later

document organ donation status

serious de-clutter of possessions identify guardian for pets

list of whom to notify (& whom not to) give copy of your advance directive to your doctor

review
beneficiaries
for all
accounts

medical power of attorney (aka health care proxy) make or update will list of passwords: online accounts

decide disposition of body

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pre-plan & pre-pay burial / cremation 12

identify guardian for minor children FREE SPACE!

14

list: bank/ retirement accounts; insurance policies 15

balance at end-of-life: lucidity ~ joy ~ pain meds

16

make bequest to spiritual home in your will **17** 

addendum: dementia & being fed 18

talk with your next of kin about your EOL wishes 19

write down ideas for your memorial service 20

advance directive/ living will

21

document location of keys (safe deposit, P.O. Box, storage unit, etc.) 22

give copy of advance directive to your minister 23

do a "will drill" with next of kin 24

create a "death file" or "death box" 25

write an ethical will

- 1. Organ donation status driver's license, advance directive, share your decision with next of kin.
- 2. "Swedish death cleaning" don't pass on your clutter to your survivors.
- 3. Someone you trust to care for your pets; leave money to cover costs, if you can.
- 4. There might be people from your past who you want notified; or whom you do not want to be invited to your funeral.
- 5. Medical offices will often scan it into their system.
- 6. Sometimes beneficiaries change but we forget to document it.
- 7. This is the person who makes medical decisions for you if you are unable to do so for yourself.
- 8. Even if you have a will, it can quickly get outdated.
- 9. Someone you trust knows how to access your latest passwords.
- 10. What will happen to your body when you die? There are many options.
- 11. If you can pre-pay, this can help reduce logistics for your loved ones who are in mourning; if you pre-plan, it's more likely that what you want, will actually happen.
- 12. Make sure to have a conversation with the person/people before you name your children's guardian.
- 13. Everyone needs some free space!
- 14. Make a list of account and policy numbers; don't make your survivors hunt put it in the "death file" or "death box." (see #23 & #24)
- 15. Talk with your next of kin about what you want when it comes to your last days pain free even if that means you aren't alert? How does pleasure/joy fit into that equation? Talking about it now means they can support you at such a tender time.
- 16. If a spiritual community feeds you, is there a gift you can give so that future spirits are similarly fed?
- 17. Fill out clear directions about what to do if you end up with dementia.
- 18. Don't just fill out paperwork have conversations ~ OFTEN review at the 4 D's: death, divorce, diagnosis, every decade.
- 19. Write down ideas for your memorial service songs, readings, speakers, who you want to give the eulogy.
- 20. Use Five Wishes AND your state's advance directive form.
- 21. Write down or let someone know where important keys are.
- 22. Give your advance directive to anyone who might be involved or supportive at the time of your dying.
- 23. Do a "will drill:" make sure your next of kin knows where the important stuff is. (see #24)
- 24. Put the important stuff in one place a file or box or something creative.
- 25. Rooted in the Jewish tradition, write a letter to your survivors passing on your deepest values and ethics.