

# Love is a Promise of Grief: A Memorial Day Service May 26, 2024

### **Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Introit

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

This is My Song' (#159)

John MacLellan

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: 'Memorial Day' by Charles F. Flagg, adapted

## **Affirming our Connections**

Story for All Kisa Gotama and the Mustard Seed, a Buddhist Story Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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

Offertory

Rev. Rachel Lonberg



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'We Share the Peace' (Hesla) Peoples' Singers

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

John MacLellan

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

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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

Silent Meditation

Montage of Beloved People who have Died in the Past Year

Music: Jennifer Drake

Readings 'Advice from La Llorona' by Deborah A. Miranda

from a post on Instagram by Elizabeth Gilbert

'The Cure for Sorrow' by Jan Richardson

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

Homily Rev. Rachel Lonberg

**Candle Lighting Ritual** 

All are invited to light candles in honor of the griefs they are carrying today. Zoom attendees, please ask for a candle in the chat and candles will be lit for you.

Music: Jennifer Drake

#### **Returning to the World**

Closing song 'My Life Flows On in Endless Song' (#108)
Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude