



Memorial Day Service May 24, 2026

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Words of Welcome

Matthew Morris McCormick

Announcements

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Special Announcement: White Elephant Sale

Introit

'This Is My Song' (#159)

Chalice Lighting

Matthew Morris McCormick

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: Fulgence Ndagijamana

Affirming our Connections

Time for All

'Enemies' by Christopher Buice

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

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Offertory

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

SSC person

*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

Spoken Meditation

'We Remember and We Pray for Peace'

by Jennifer Cottrill

Musical Meditation

'Filled With Loving Kindness' (#1031)

Readings from 'The Unknown Loyal Dead' by Frederick Douglass,
a Decoration Day Address

at Arlington National Cemetery, May 30, 1871

from *See No Stranger* by Valarie Kaur

'Mathematics' by Lynn Ungar

Music

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

Sermon

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Montage of Beloved People who have Died in the Past Year

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

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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