



**MAY 28, 2017**

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Remembrance Garden Gathering – 10:15 a.m.**

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**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler

WELCOME AND PRAYER\*\*

Christian Buller

One: Today we remember all those who have gone before us. Their faithful lives and ideas form the foundation for our own lives of faith. We stand on the shoulders of their ideas, their faith, and their lives. (silent prayer)

**All: Today we remember those whom we cannot name: The homeless, the abused, the refugees. Those who have perished as a result of the wars that dominate our world—wars waged by our own nation, and wars waged by and within other countries.** (silent prayer)

One: Today we remember those whose names we know very well, those closest to us, those we touched and held, those we love. (silent prayer)

Our lives are a continual accumulation of memory, constantly growing, evolving, shifting, shrinking, at times slipping away entirely, at times catching up to us with breathtaking force. Today we pause to carefully and thoughtfully tend to our memory of those who have gone before us.

**All: We remember, we pray, and we sing in order to consider gaps in our own lives, to heal wounds that will always be tender, to tend our memories of those whose lives make each of us what we are today. Amen.**

\*HYMN #328

*O God, our help in ages past*

## STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

Hymn #614 *In the bulb there is a flower*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

*Memory traps*

\*HYMN #580

*My life flows on*

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.*

OFFERING

Offertory: *Yexus Yog Txojkev/Jesus is the Way* by Rose Xiong  
Kiengkam Thor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

*At this time we invite everyone to the Rainbow Remembrance Garden. Please pick up a daisy on your way out, and please bring today's bulletin insert to the garden for the singing of the final blessing and hymn printed on today's insert. Weather permitting, all are invited to remain outside for Fellowship Time.*

*Thank you to Steve Goeke and Jesse Graber for musical leadership in the Remembrance Garden.*

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

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Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?  
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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