

May 26, 2019

Worship 9:30am

Remembrance Garden gathering 10:20 am

Adult Sunday School 10:50 am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ben Parker Sutter, worship leader

PRAYER

*HYMN #165

A mighty fortress is our God

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Natasha VanDyke

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 91

SERMON

Memorial Day Re-membering

PRAYER #803

RESPONSE

Jesse Graber, violin

Ashokan Farewell

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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

#121 SS

Nothing is lost on the breath of God

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks 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 table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

DISMISSAL TO THE GARDEN

*At this time we invite everyone to the Rainbow Remembrance Garden.
Please pick up a carnation on your way out, and please bring today's bulletin to the garden for the singing of the final blessing and hymn printed on today's insert.*

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

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

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Today, on this Memorial Day weekend, we will end our worship service in the **Rainbow Remembrance Garden**. The Garden is a living memorial to those who have gone before us. The seasonal cycle of the Garden is a reminder of the cycle of life, from birth to death to resurrection. Designed to invite reflection and prayer, the outdoor space also offers a visual symbol to perpetuate cherished memories.

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Gathering Words

Andy Shelly

Leader: Gracious God:
We remember those who have gone before us,
whose lives have shaped our own,
both personally and as a community,
whose legacies we build on.

Please feel free to name those you wish to remember.

All: Grant them rest; grant them peace.

Leader: Our lives are a continual accumulation of memory, constantly growing, evolving, at times slipping away, at times returning unexpectedly. Today we pause to carefully and thoughtfully tend to our accumulated memories.

Silent prayer

Leader: We remember, we pray, and we sing in order to tend to the gaps left by those who have gone before us, to heal wounds that are still tender, to care for our memories of those whose lives made each of us and our community who we are today.

All: Grant us light; grant us peace.

HYMN (see next page)

God be with you

SENDING

430

God be with you

RANDOLPH 98 89

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, may the Shep - herd's
 wings, pro - tect - ing, hide you, dai - ly man - na
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning

care en - fold you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 arms a - round you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 wave be - fore you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, *Gospel Bells*, 1880, alt.

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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