

February 2023 Worship Services

February Worship Theme: Grief

February 5: In the Companionship of Grief

Reverend Rebecca will be preaching on the role of grief in our lives, individually and collectively. Drawing on the work of Francis Weller, she will invite us to understand the gifts and skills needed to live with grief, as the other side of love. This begins our monthlong ministry theme of grief. Each week we will explore other elements of grief, including its sources, how we live with it, and toward what we turn for our strength.

February 12: The Many Faces of Grief

Reverend Rebecca and members of the Pastoral Care Associates Team will be exploring different aspects of grief by sharing their personal experiences. We will look at unnamed, less understood, and long-term grief. The concept of grief being something that offers strength and is not to be overcome but understood will be discussed.

February 19: Sufism and Grief

Reverend Stan Barrett will be preaching about grief through the lens of Sufism. Stan is a practicing Sufi and deeply rooted in the mystical experience of this tradition. The question of the deepest grief humans carry will be addressed.

February 26: Spaciousness and Other Sources of Strength

To what do we turn during times of grief? This contemplative service will use our sanctuary as a retreat and offer poetry, music, and silence as sources of strength and peace. Reverend Rebecca will officiate.