

Order of Service – May 30, 2021 Unitarian Universalist Church West
“As Red as a Poppy” with the Rev. Suzelle Lynch

Memorial Day is a time to remember those who lost their lives serving in the military during wartime.

What does this tradition and the stories of those who died tell us about what we value?

1. **Prelude** – "Op. 13 'Pathetique Sonata' Adagio Cantabile" by Ludwig van Beethoven; performed by Jennifer Nicolosi, Lead Music Director
2. **Call to Worship** – “Called by Loss, Called by Peace” by the Rev. Heather Janules
3. **Welcome** – The Rev. Suzelle Lynch
4. **Hymn #1010** – “We Give Thanks” Words & music by Wendy Luella Perkins; performed by Ruben Piirainen
5. **Chalice Lighting - We are a People of Story** – German-Fischer Family

(Please kindle your chalice at home and read along)

A wise person once said: “Sometimes we need a story more than food to stay alive.”

Stories give us hope.

They help us tell each other who we are, and what matters to us.

Stories carry culture and transmit traditions;

They remind us of miracles manifested

and mistakes made -- all along the way.

Let’s gather ‘round the chalice now and tell our stories.

6. **Worship for All Ages** – Rev. Denise Cawley
7. **First Reading** – “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae; read by Charlene Carter
8. **Reflection** – “Gold Star Sister” by Carolou Nelsen; read by Rev. Suzelle
9. **Hymn #159** - "This is My Song" music by Jean Sibelius, words by Lloyd Stone; accompaniment by Jennifer Nicolosi
10. **Reflection** – “Tribute to Connectedness & Compassion for All – the Story of Francis Bobb” by Dave Daniels (Nick Brown’s uncle), read by Nick Brown
11. **Reading** – “The Young Dead Soldiers” by Archibald MacLeish, read by Adlai Kim
11. **Reflection** – “Red as Poppies – My Uncle Jimmy” Rev. Suzelle Lynch
12. **Special Music** – "Prelude in E Minor" by Frederic Chopin; performed by Jennifer Nicolosi
13. **Meditation** – “Ten Thousand Baby Names,” by the Rev. Kathleen McTigue (2011) narrated by Rev. Suzelle
14. **Remembering Our Troops of Color/Calling Their Names**
15. **Offering Words and Offertory** – Kathy Herrewig, Chair of the Split the Plate Committee

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16. **Chalice Extinguishing and Benediction**

17. **Postlude** – "In My Native Country" by Edvard Grieg; performed by Jennifer Nicolosi

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