

### Meeting for Memorials

Members of our Ministry and Oversight Committee led us in our Meeting for Memorials. Friends Sarah Armstrong-Jones [Big Island], Joyce Tarlan-Cahn [Apple Seed], Natasha Herrera-Hillman [Mexico City], JoAnn Taylor [Santa Monica], and Chamba Cooke, [Grass Valley] read the names of 28 deceased Friends. Each group of names was introduced with a brief reading and followed by shared words rising out of worship.

I.

We bereaved are not alone, we belong to the largest company in all the world—the company of those who have known suffering. When it seems that our sorrow is too great to be borne, let us think of the great family of the heavy-hearted into which our grief has given us entrance, and inevitably, we will feel about us their arms, their sympathy, their understanding. Believe, when you are most unhappy, that there is something for you to do in the world. So long as you can sweeten another's pain, life is not in vain.

Helen Keller

Pat Brown *Orange County*  
Ruth Dafoe *Fresno*  
Harold Field *Honolulu*  
Carmen Broz *Palo Alto*  
Anne Davenport *Claremont*  
Frederic Forste *Strawberry Creek*

II.

Their work is done, their joys accomplished,  
But the sharing of their lives continues in the memories of others.

Walt Jones

Lea Gertrude Fredericks Frey *San Jose*  
Dorothy Hansen *Apple Seed*  
Onnie Harrison *Orange County*  
Tynan Sherman Graham *Central Coast*  
Helen Horton *Redwood Forest*

III.

From the Eternal Goodness

I long for household voices gone,  
For vanished smiles I long,  
But God hath led my dear ones on,  
And he can do no wrong.

I know not what the future hath  
Of marvel or surprise,  
Assured alone that life and death  
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak  
To bear an untried pain,  
The bruis-ed reed He will not break,  
But strengthen and sustain.

No offering of my own I have,  
Nor works my faith to prove;  
I can but give the gifts He gave,  
And plead His love for love.

And so beside the Silent Sea  
I wait the muffled oar;  
No harm from Him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care.

John Greenleaf Whittier

John Janda *Orange County*

Joseph Leonard *Davis*

Jo Lillis *Chico*

Bob Jolly *Berkeley*

Ralph Lewis *Berkeley*

Jim Mangis *Santa Barbara*

IV.

Birth is a Beginning

Birth is a beginning,  
And death a destination.  
But life is a journey:  
A going—a growing  
From stage to stage.  
From childhood to maturity  
And youth to age;  
From innocence to awareness  
And ignorance to knowing;  
From foolishness to discretion  
And then, perhaps to wisdom;  
From weakness to strength  
Or strength to weakness—  
And often, back again;  
From health to sickness  
And back, we pray, to health again  
From offense to forgiveness  
From loneliness to love,  
From joy to gratitude,  
From pain to compassion,  
And grief to understanding—  
From fear to faith;  
From defeat to defeat to defeat—  
Until, looking backward or ahead,  
We see that victory lies  
Not at some high place along the way,  
But in having made the journey,  
Stage by stage,  
A sacred pilgrimage.  
Birth is a beginning  
And death a destination.  
And life is a journey,  
A sacred pilgrimage—  
To life everlasting

Rabbi Alvin I. Fine

Jeannie Moburg *Santa Barbara*  
Peg Rein *Grass Valley*  
Debbie Schwartz *Sacramento*  
Hanneliesel Reeves *Mendicino*  
James Sakauye *Sacramento*

V.

I share with you the agony of your grief,  
The anguish of your heart finds echo in my own.  
I know I cannot enter all you feel  
Nor bear with you the burden of your pain;  
I can but offer what my love does give;  
The strength of caring,  
The warmth of one who seeks to understand  
The silent storm-swept barrenness of so great a loss.  
This I do in quiet ways,  
That on your lonely path  
You may not walk alone.

Howard Thurman

John Shefelbine *Sacramento*  
Jane Stallings *Davis*  
Karen Thomas *La Jolla*  
Thomas Carleton Snell *Santa Cruz*  
Otto Steinhardt *Redwood Forest*  
Maria Elena Vidana *La Jolla*

Presiding Clerk: Diego Navarro

Recording Clerks: Jim Anderson, Leslie Zondervan-Droz