

Meditation

Outside this place the world of winter goes by,
absorbed in its countless, nameless errands.

Here in this place, we come face to face
with the great mystery, the awesome reality,
the terrible disruption which is death.

For this short while we are in the world but not of it.
The world persistently attaches itself to some future.
We find ourselves focused upon what was
and is no more
and never shall be again.
For this while there is no future.

Here have we come, seeking to celebrate
that which was:
the gift of a life finely woven into ours.
here have we come to drink the cup of inevitability
to its dregs.
Only then may we find courage to embrace tomorrow.

Here, we pray for wisdom to understand
that our sorrow is but one measure of our love.
Here, we seek strength for acceptance
lest love be devoured by pain.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: For thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

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Mercer County's Homeless Persons' Memorial Service

Tuesday, December 20, 2011



Remembering
Our
Brothers and Sisters
Who Experienced Homelessness
And Who Died During
The Last Year

www.merceralliance.org

***Memorial Service
PROGRAM***

Organ music - David Loerke

Prayer

Bishop Felton E. May
Pastor, Turning Point United Methodist Church

Reading and Prayer

Rev. Liz Congdon, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Trenton

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Rev. Carol S. Haag, Retired Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton

Reading

Marisol S. Weaver-Henderson, Anchor House

Prayer

Bishop Felton E. May
Pastor, Turning Point United Methodist Church

Remembrance of Deceased

Dennis Micai, Executive Director, TASK

Organ Music: David Loerke

Song: Christmas Dinner

by Paul Stokey **Sung by:** Susan Ford

Psalm 23 - Everyone

Lead by: Bishop Felton E. May, Pastor, Turning Point United Methodist Church

Call to Action

Herb Levine, Executive Director
Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness

Closing

Bishop Felton E. May
Pastor, Turning Point United Methodist Church

In Memory of

Victor Hugo Sotovando Argueta
Merissa Blevins
Luscios Borden
Michelle Coccozza
Wilda Deslodges
Donald Jacks
Joanne Neal
Richard Powell
James Robinson
Maria Tax
John Taylor
Maria Wade
Carl Wilkins
DaMontae Wright

**Things You Can Do To Help
Individuals Experiencing Homelessness**

1. Become an advocate
2. Volunteer for Project Homeless Connect
3. Educate yourself and others
4. Talk to each person with respect
5. Pray for the Housing for the Homeless
6. Hold a food or clothing drive
7. Use your talents to assist in job training
8. Donate