

## Prayer/Litany of Remembrance and Celebration

Memorial Sunday Service – November 26, 2023

Leader: O Ancient of Days,  
you have been our dwelling place  
from generation to generation.

**All: We give thanks, O God,  
for your life and love that have no end.**

Leader: On this day we remember those  
who have gone before us in faith, hope, and love.

At the rising of the sun and at its going down.

**We remember them.**

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn.

**We remember them.**

At the first blowing of the wind and the chill of the winter.

**We remember them.**

At the opening of the buds and in the new life of spring.

**We remember them.**

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer.

**We remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength

**We remember them.**

When we have joy we crave to share

**We remember them.**

When we have decisions that are difficult to make

**We remember them.**

When we have achievements that are based on theirs

**We remember them.**

At our worship, around our table, and in our acts of service.

**We remember them.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, you breathe life into all creation, you make  
us into living temples, and you sustain us in our sorrows.

People: **Praise to you, for your wondrous works in our  
lives, your forgiveness of sins, and for offering us  
eternal life.**

Leader: We lift up to you now those of us who have died over  
the last year. We trust them to your loving hands and  
thank you for comforting us. We thank you for the lives  
they lived and how they represented you to us.

Philip Chamberlin (March 8, 1942-November 24, 2022)  
Grace Strong (November 14, 1922-December 29, 2022)  
Llewellyn Wildeman (February 13, 1944-April 2, 2023)  
Elaine McLaren (May 10, 1935-April 29, 2023)  
Peggy Bartel (May 16, 1968-June 19, 2023)  
Lucy Silverquill (1977-July 29, 2023)  
Viola Schmidt (December 10, 1922 - August 6, 2023)  
Charles Wildeman (July 5, 1951-October 7, 2023)  
Ethel Toovey (April 13, 1931-November 2, 2023)  
Marlys Jantz (December 7, 1942-November 22, 2023)

You are invited to name others and light a candle for them.  
(A candle will be lit in each person's honour)

**Leader:** We also light a candle for those around the world  
who have died because of war, violence, natural  
tragedies, sin, accidents, the absence of justice, greed,  
and selfishness.

**People:** We pray they and their loved ones have found  
peace. Comfort the survivors in tangible ways.

Leader: O God, in their death we feel the pain of absence.  
In their death, through the unity of Christ,  
we also know the joy of continued presence.  
May the great cloud of witnesses  
bless and sustain our daily living.

**All: We give thanks, O God,  
for your life and love that have no end. Amen.**