





**Call the Name, an initiative of area
faith leaders and Room In The Inn, ensures
that no one in our community is buried alone,
honoring each person's dignity and worth
through this ministry of presence.**

God of us all,
today we call out the name
of one of your own.
You have known them
from their very beginning,
when you knit them in their mother's womb.
You have known them both sitting and standing,
always familiar with their ways,
and there is no place
where they could ever hide from you.
And now, creator of us all,
they return to your fold,
knowing the fullness of your love.
Surround them with a light that cannot fade,
and help them to know
that at this time there are people
gathered in love thanking you for their lives.
May they rest in your eternal peace.
Amen.

Written by Rev. Jay Voorhees, based on Psalm 139

The name of each person remembered at Call the Name will be added to the memorial trees at Room In The Inn, which honor the hundreds of members of our community who have died since our founding in 1986.

Trees represent the gift of community. Like trees in a forest, none of us stand alone. We are each unique yet depend on one another to flourish. At our best, we are like a healthy ecosystem where the strong shelter the weak, deep roots nourish those still growing, and no tree is left to weather the storm by itself.

Each leaf honors a person who mattered. Every name represents someone with gifts, dreams, and a unique story.

Our basic affirmation is this: regardless of the circumstances of life any of us may experience, all people are equal in dignity and worth.

This memorial affirms this dignity even as it acknowledges a world marked by injustice. Poverty and homelessness shorten lives and deny basic rights.

May these trees call us to build a world where everyone is known, safe, and loved.

