

**Interfaith Action: SW Michigan Peace & Justice Collaborative  
Service of Grief  
March 10, 2020  
5:00 p.m.**

**Prelude**                      *Of Water and Ice (feat. Jin Xiang "JX" Yu)* DJ Spooky, Climate Activist

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Special Music**                      *Glorious*    Mamuse  
Performed by Laura Keating,  
Student at Pacific School of Religion

**Statement of Grief**

**Land Acknowledgment**

**Opening Words**

**The Rending of Garments**

**Opening Prayer** (adapted from Black Elk)

Hey! Learn to hear our feeble voices. At the center of the sacred hoop you have said that we should make the tree to bloom. With tears running, O Great Spirit, our Grandfather, with running eyes we must say the tree has never bloomed. Here we stand, and the tree is withered. Again, we recall the great vision you gave us. It may be that some little root of the sacred tree still lives. Nourish it then that it may leaf and bloom and fill with singing birds! Hear us, that the people may once again find the good road and the shielding tree. Amen and A'ho.

**Grief Vigil Reader's Theatre<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> Rupert Read, "Can there be a logic of grief? Why Wittgenstein and Merleau-Ponty say 'Yes'." Rupert Read is an academic and a Green Party campaigner and a spokesperson for Extinction Rebellion. Read is currently a reader in philosophy at the University of East Anglia.

**Message**

Dahr Jamail

(Jamail has been a war journalist who acted as a sherpa on Denali, the highest peak in Alaska. This excerpt describes when he fell through an ice bridge not knowing if his companions would be able to save him)

**The Sharing of Grief**

*(Share the grief you experience around climate disruption)*

**Poem from a Young Activist**

Ashley

**The Need for Hope** “Message from the Future 2: The Years of Repair”

**Closing Hymn:**

*Touch the Earth Lightly*

**Commissioning**

Liturgists: Cary Huber, Rev. Susan Greenwood, Rev. Tracy Heilman, Donna Dumke, Mike Mulberry