

Welcome,

*We gather in this sacred space to honor the lives of those who have passed,
and to hold space for the many ways we remember them.*

Some of us come with hearts full of love and longing.

Some come with questions, with pain, with memories that are complicated.

All are welcome here.

In this moment, we invite the presence of peace.

May this space be one of grace, where every feeling has room to breathe.

Let us honor the truth of our relationships, however they were shaped.

Let us remember that grief is not one thing – it is many things.

It is sorrow, it is gratitude, it is confusion, it is release.

And it is love, even when love was difficult.

May we be gentle with ourselves and with one another.

May we find comfort in community and healing in remembrance.

And may the lives we recall today continue to teach us, even now.