

Even those who
never bloom bring
beauty into the
world.

October 15, 2024
7 p.m.

 **Carle** Health

Order of Service

Prelude	Berceuse - Tournier <i>Julia Kay Jamieson, Harpist</i>
Welcome	Rachel Campbell BSN, RNC-OB <i>Carle Perinatal Grief and Bereavement Liaison</i>
Opening Prayer	Jess Dager <i>Carle Spiritual Care</i>
Music	Evening Prayer from "Hansel and Gretel" - Humperdink <i>Julia Kay Jamieson, Harpist</i>
Reflection	Breanna Jackson <i>Carle NICU RN, and Bereaved Mother</i>
Meditation	Consolations No. 3 - F Liszt <i>Julia Kay Jamieson, Harpist</i>
Reading of Names	Lauren Somers, LCSW <i>Carle Social Work</i>
Closing	Clair de Lune - Debussy <i>Julia Kay Jamieson, Harpist</i>

PARTICIPATION

Tonight's candlelit service coincides with the International Wave of Light, a worldwide lighting of candles at 7 p.m. to honor the babies we all mourn.

If you are joining us virtually, you are encouraged to safely light a candle wherever you are for your baby or babies.

As we come together to hold space for our babies, we encourage you to take this time to reflect, and to feel the support of our worldwide community who share in this unique grief.

REFLECTION

This is a good time to check in with your grief. Grief after losing a child is lifelong, and evolves over time. It is not something we ever 'get over,' but it becomes a part of us.

Spend some time evaluating what may help you most in your grief at this time, and encourage family and friends to do the same. Maybe you need more support, like counseling or a support group. Maybe you are ready to share your story publicly, which can aid yours and others' grief. Maybe you are ready to find a project to support other bereaved families. You may also be in a place where you need to keep your grief and your story very private, protected from others.

Whatever stage you are in, acknowledge it without judgment, and do what you need to to continue your lifelong healing journey.

Little Snowdrop

Author Unknown

The world may never notice
If a Snowdrop doesn't bloom,
Or even pause to wonder
If the petals fall too soon.

But every life that ever forms,
Or ever comes to be,
Touches the world in some small way
For all eternity.

The little one we long for
Was swiftly here and gone.
But the love that was then planted
Is a light that still shines on.

And though our arms are empty,
Our hearts know what to do.
Every beating of our hearts
Says that we love you.

SUPPORT

If you are local and looking for support, we recommend reaching out to Empty Arms Ministry Grief Support Group. They can be found on Facebook, or emailed at emptyarms@windsorroad.org. If you have any feedback or questions, please reach out to Rachel Campbell, Perinatal Grief and Bereavement Liaison at Carle at rachel.campbell@carle.com.

LEGACY

If you would like to create a custom paver in the Shining Light Infant Memorial Garden in honor of your baby or babies, please visit carle.org/Giving/infant-memorial-garden-pavers or call Carle Health Center for Philanthropy at (217) 383-3021.

Some families find healing by supporting other families experiencing perinatal loss, often in the name of their own baby. If this is something that would be meaningful to you, we have several ways for you to impact the lives of other bereaved families:

- You may choose to donate some of the items we use to make keepsakes for families experiencing loss.
- You may choose to sponsor part or all of a garden paver for another family who may not have the means for one.
- You might volunteer to mentor other parents who need extra support after the loss of their baby.
- You might want to make a monetary donation to the Perinatal Bereavement Program to be used for education, the annual memorial service, and specialized equipment and supplies.

All proceeds support the garden and the bereavement program.

To find out how to support our program in any of the ways listed above, please visit the Perinatal Bereavement webpage on Carle.org: [carle.org/ Services/Perinatal-Bereavement-Services](http://carle.org/Services/Perinatal-Bereavement-Services). There you will find links to the paver order form, online donation form, and Amazon wishlist.



Please also don't hesitate to call either Rachel Campbell at (217) 904-7648 or Carle Health Center for Philanthropy at (217) 383-3021 with any questions.

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