

## READING OF THE NAMES

On Sunday, May 25, the names of the U.S. military who died in the Iraq war were read in front of the Human Toll of War ribbon exhibit. Members and friends of the congregation read names throughout the afternoon. The Reading of the Names began with the following introduction and ended with the playing of Taps.

### Introduction

Today on this Memorial Day Weekend, we seek to honor the loss of life in the waging of war. In honor of the men and women who offered themselves in service to their country in this most recent war, we gather. Let us call to mind these sons and daughters, parents, brothers and sisters, friends, neighbors, who are now lost to their loved ones. We offer up our deep respect and great sense of loss. As we read each name, let us think of a person, picture a face, a body, a smile, a context of loved ones, someone who woke to face each day with questions and hopes, who struggled with challenges, and whose life was cut short in war. In calling them each into our presence in this way and by name, may we honor their lives.









