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Dear Friends in Orlando,

We grieve with you and send you love. We are grateful for your invitation to join you in worship at 7:00 yesterday; many of us did, and we will continue to hold you in our hearts and prayers. We lean on the Lord and trust not in our own understanding, perhaps especially in times when what has happened passes understanding, but we are grateful for the connections you have and for your healing, peaceful, practical presence in a place torn by hate.

We share your solidarity with the LGBT+ community, believing that the + includes us all. We suffer, but those who died, are wounded, and their families and friends suffer first and most, and we hold them most tenderly in God's healing Light.

We learned from experience how much the love and support of Friends helped in the aftermath of 9/11, but we also know that healing can take time. We pray for swift healing for you and for renewed energy to bring peace to our torn world.

In peace,

Lucinda Antrim, Clerk
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