

## April 15, 2024 – Mortality



Reverend Krysia Burnham will focus her presentation on four areas:

1. Define the purpose and philosophy of hospice
2. Introduction of hospice grief support groups
3. Effects of the pandemic on the grief process
4. How expressive writing can be a tool for healing from grief and loss

### Krysia Burnham



Rev. Krysia Bereday Burnham, B.A., M.A., M.Div. Rev. Burnham is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ where she is both a Community Minister (First Church in Cambridge, Congregational) and a senior chaplain at VNA Hospice. In patients' homes, assisted living facilities, and hospital settings, Krysia cares for people at the end of life and supports their grieving families. She also leads weekly virtual bereavement support groups and officiates at weddings and memorial services. She is proficient in French, Italian, and Turkish, and celebrates her Judeo-Christian heritage and the call to caring for those at the end of life in her blog, <https://krysiquest.wordpress.com/>. In her spare time, the author is developing a memoir about lessons learned through partnering the dying with dignity, meaning, and joy. Krysia and her husband Stephen, an entrepreneur, have three adult children and a grandson and live in the Boston area. To honor the important question “what do you do for fun?” Krysia enjoys the spiritual practices of morning pages, swimming, and family.