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Good Grief with Cheryl Jones Wednesday at 2 PM Pacific May 6th 2020: On Vanishing

What makes us human? In a culture oriented towards the mind, it is easy to think that how well we can reason and express ourselves hold the keys. But this leads to a rejection of those of us who lose that ability. What about people with Alzheimers, or developmentally disabled people, or people with declining mental powers in old age? It is tempting to think that without mental powers and memory, human love and interaction ceases to matter. But what if it matters more, or at least as much? In her work as a chaplain Lynn Casteel Harper noticed how often people with memory and cognition disabilit

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# **Featured Guest**



### **Lynn Casteel Harper**

Lynn Casteel Harper is a minister, chaplain, and essayist. She is the author of On Vanishing: Mortality, Dementia, and What It Means to Disappear, out from Catapult now. Her work has appeared in Kenyon Review Online and Catapult magazine. She is a Barbara Deming Memorial Fund grant recipient and the winner of the 2017 Orison Anthology Award in Nonfiction. She lives in New York City and is currently the minister of older adults at The Riverside Church.

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