



**A MEMORIAL SERVICE
Giving Thanks for the Life of**

**Elizabeth (Betty) C. Bordner
August 19, 1941 – August 23, 2023**

September 23, 10:00 A.M.

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANTA FE
A United Church of Christ**

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering

(As you enter the Sanctuary, please enter into a time of silence to let the music help you prepare for worship. Also please turn off your cell phone completely. Thank you.)

The Promises of Faith

Welcome and Breathing in God's Gifts

The Call to Worship from Psalm 46 (congregation: bold)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Though its waters roar and foam,

Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob and Rachel is our refuge.

Be still and know that I am God.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob and Rachel is our refuge.

*Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning! Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.*

WE PREPARE

The Journey to this Day

A Prayer of Invocation and Openness to God's Love and Strength

A Time of Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters;

He restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for you are with me; Your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn of Praise

I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan

(The congregation begins with the refrain below. The soloist sings the verses, each followed by the refrain.)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,". The second staff contains the lyrics: "and I will raise them up on the last day." The music consists of a melody line with various note values and rests, and a bass line with fewer notes.

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WE REMEMBER

Remembering God's Promises

From the Psalms of the Hebrews

Psalm 139:1-12

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the shadows shall cover me,

and the light around me become night,"

even the shadows are not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for shadows are as light to you.

From Christian Scripture

Romans 8:31-38

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?...
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or
persecution, or famine, or nakedness or peril, or sword? ...

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us.
For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God made known to us in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

Remembering Betty and her faith

From Betty and Ken's daughter Abby Bordner

From Jennifer Graves, friend and theater colleague

A Poem offered by Betty's sisters Connie Quart and Jean Karp

From Rev. Mary Kuhns, friend

A Final Reflection and Reading from the Book of Job (19:25-27) Rev. Talitha Arnold

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God,
whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold as a friend, and not as a stranger.

A Time of Silence

Musical Response

It Is Well with My Soul

Horatio G. Spafford

WE RESPOND

The Prayer of Committal and the Lord's Prayer *(Please pray a version familiar to you.)*

*Hymn 547

Amazing Grace (1-3, 5)

John Newton

WE GO OUT IN PEACE

*Benediction

Postlude *(Please wait until the family leaves the Sanctuary before exiting.)*

Welcome and Thank You

Thank you for joining in this service. Your presence is a source of comfort and hope to Betty's family. Please also join in the reception, served in the Community Room and shared outside. Thank you.

Given Betty's lifelong commitment to education and children, her family welcomes gifts in memory of Betty be made to the United Church of Santa Fe, designated for BookKids and Communities in Schools, two Santa Fe organizations that United helped start and continues to support.

Sharing leadership are Pastor Talitha Arnold; Robert Krupnick, Pianist; Rebecca Brunette, Soloist; Cameron Bordner, Bruce Turnquist and Jennifer Graves, Liturgists; and Elijah Marquez, Media Coordinator. You were greeted by members of the Pretty Good Guys and the Sanctuary Choir.

