

Celebration of Life Service
In Loving Tribute to
Dorothy Bowman

Friday, October 9, 2026

Visitation: 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. / Service: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Minister: The Rev. Ross Leckie

Organist: Donald Salfarlie

Preparation for Worship:

The desire for love is the most powerful human striving. Giving can then be said to be the highest expression of love. This giving however, is not that of material things, but lies in the specifically human realm. What does one person give to another? She gives of herself, or the most precious she has; she gives of her life. In this giving, she enriches the other person; she enhances the other's sense of aliveness as well as her own self through the joy of giving.

Adapted from The Art of Loving, Erich Fromm

Piano Preludes:

Don Salfarlie

Words of Christian Hope:

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

Greetings

Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus **Voices United #664**

Opening Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

Recollections

Words of Comfort from Scripture:

Psalm 23

Isaiah 58: 6-12

John 14: 1-14, 25-29

Maria Greco

Dean Salter

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Serenity Prayer:

Hunter Grillo

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen

Meditation

Rev. Ross Leckie

Choir Anthem: Be Still, My Soul

Cindy Berry

Combined choirs of Grace, St. Paul's and Emmanuel United

Hymn 2: Take Time to Be Holy

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Prayer of Comfort and Concern

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 3: In the Garden

Blessing

Recessional

Organ Postlude: Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven

Following the funeral service, you are invited to join Dorothy's family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall downstairs.

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Donations in memory of Dorothy Bowman can be made to Grace United Church (Memorial cards are available on the back table)

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still
waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth 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 thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me

all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Dorothy Bowman

November 9, 1932 – October 1, 2026



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