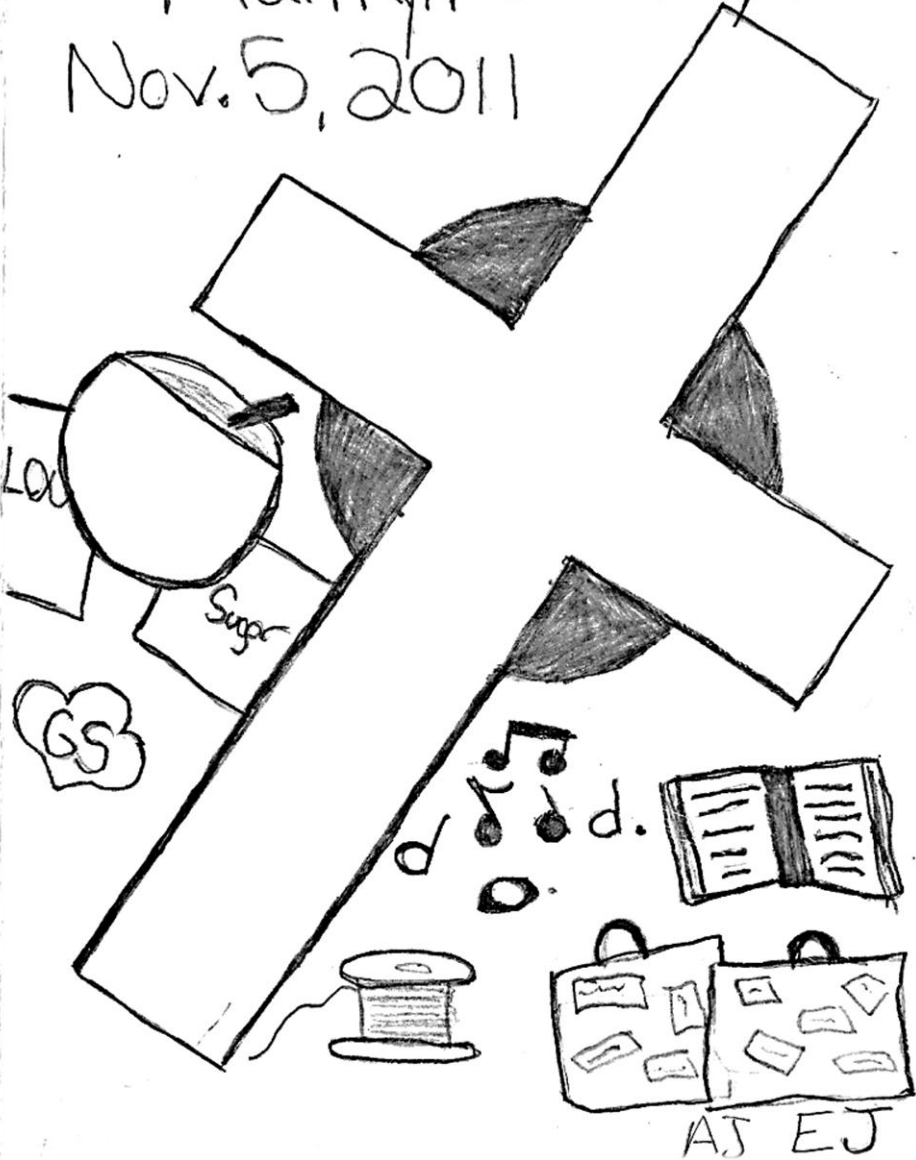


In Memory
of Marilyn E. Meyer
Nov. 5, 2011



A Service of Thanksgiving Celebrating the Life of Marilyn Meyer

November 8, 1932 - September 16, 2011

*Please stand as you are able.

Prelude Dr. Nae Pearson

Words of Welcome Rev. Dr. Matthew Braddock

***Hymn** *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSON

***Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Amy Lewis

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Musical Offering *Fantasiestücke (Fantasy Pieces)* Niels Gade
II. Allegro Vivace
Michelle Esposito. clarinet

Scripture Reading Psalm 23 read by Andrew Brown

A Time for Remembrance Brett Stockdill & Lois Todhunter

Musical Offering *Beautiful River* arr. John Rutter
The Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13 read by Christopher Brown

Meditation Rev. Dr. Matthew Braddock

***Responsive Prayer**

God, we thank you for the memory of Marilyn, for her brave spirit that continues to inspire our own lives.

Accept our praise and thanks, O God.

For the love she shared with family and friends, for the blessing she was to all who knew her.

Accept our praise and thanks, O God.

For her service to others, for her presence in our church and our community.

Accept our praise and thanks, O God.

For the legacy of love and care she leaves behind, for the wealth of spirit that still enriches our lives.

Accept our praise and thanks, O God.

For the assurance of your promises and for the hope that awaits us all.

Accept our praise and thanks, O God, and grant us your peace. Amen.

Prayer of Commendation

***Closing Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* HYMN TO JOY

Words of Thanks Richard Meyer

Benediction

Postlude

How Can I Keep from Singing?
The Chancel Choir; Sam Brush, piano

Walker

All are invited to join the family for a reception in the social hall, located in the basement level of the church.

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little—but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me—but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss Me—But Let me Go!

--Edward Guest

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.
Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*

1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-lect your rays,
 3 You are giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-ccean depth of hap-py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;
 Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful in the midst of strife,

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Obituary for Marilyn E. Meyer

Marilyn E. Meyer, age 78, a resident of Silver Spring, Maryland, died Friday, September 16, 2011 in St. Cloud, Minnesota while on vacation. She was born November 8, 1932 in Fosston, MN as the only child of Lawrence and Pauline Reiten. Marilyn was a 1950 graduate of Foley High School in Foley, MN and a 1954 graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in St Peter, MN where she majored in biology and minored in math. On June 17, 1957, while working at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Immunology, Marilyn married Richard Meyer in St Paul, Minnesota. They relocated to Hyattsville, Maryland in 1959 where Marilyn took a position with Microbiology Associates in Bethesda, MD, testing vaccines. Marilyn stopped working in 1962 to raise three daughters - Kristen, Patricia and Lauren. She was active in Girl Scouts as a Troop Leader and Service Unit Manager and led a group of Girl Scouts on a trip to England in 1981. She was instrumental in establishing Silver Spring Child Care Center in Silver Spring, MD in 1972 and served on the board of directors for numerous years and as their president. For over 50 years, Marilyn was an active member of Christ Congregational Church, UCC where she served on and chaired various boards and committees. She served as the Church Moderator in 1982.

Once her daughters started college, Marilyn returned to work, first as an activities coordinator in a nursing home and later as Medical Records and Supplies Coordinator at Manor Care Potomac. In March 2010, she retired after 25 years in this position. Marilyn is survived by her husband of 54 years, Richard Meyer of Silver Spring, MD, her three daughters Kristen (Jim) Brown of Rockville, MD, Patricia (Bruce) Esposito of Silver Spring, MD and Lauren (Tim) Johnson of Crofton, MD, by six grandchildren, Christopher, Gregory and Andrew Brown, Michelle Esposito, and Andrea and Elizabeth Johnson, and step grandson Paul (Kelley) Esposito.

Donations may be made in Marilyn's memory to:

- Silver Spring Child Care Center, 9525 Colesville Rd Silver Spring, MD 20901;
- Christ Congregational Church Building Fund, 9525 Colesville Rd Silver Spring, MD 20901;
- Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, 4301 Connecticut Ave Suite M2, NW Washington DC, 20008; or
- a charity of your choice

Participants in the Service

Rev. Dr. Matthew Braddock, Senior Minister at CCC
Dr. Nae Pearson, Minister of Music at CCC
Sam Brush, Accompanist and Assistant Conductor at CCC
Rev. Amy Lewis, Minister for Adults at CCC
Michelle Esposito, granddaughter of Marilyn and Richard
Andrew Brown, grandson of Marilyn and Richard
Brett Stockdill, friend of the Meyer Family
Lois Todhunter, friend of the Meyer Family
Christopher Brown, grandson of Marilyn and Richard
Richard Meyer, husband of Marilyn
The Chancel Choir

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Andrea and Elizabeth Johnson, granddaughters of Marilyn and Richard

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