

A Service of Thanksgiving

for the life of

Barbara Lillian Smith Bracknell

August 13, 1922 – September 30, 2021



November 6, 2021

First Congregational Church, UCC

Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Order of Worship

All are welcome! Restrooms are available – go through the doors at the front left of the Sanctuary and then through the JE Room.

They will be in the hallway on your right.



GATHERING MUSIC Hymn Medley Tracy Wilson, *organ*

GREETING Rev. Barbara Kershner

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 71, selected verses

One: You have been our hope, O Gracious Lord, our confidence since we were children.

All: My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.

One: I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your deeds of salvation though their number is beyond my knowledge. I will praise you.

All: Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, until I declare your power to the next generation, to all who are to come.

One: I will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God. I will sing praise to you, O Holy One.

All: My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you! My soul also, which you have rescued.

*OPENING HYMN #267 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 31: 10-31

REFLECTION

Rev. Barbara Kershner

*HYMN #442 *The Church's One Foundation*, vs. 1, 4, 5

SHARING STORIES

Friends and family

*HYMN #467 *How Great Thou Art*, vs. 1, 3, 4

PSALM 23

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PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*HYMN #469 *Morning has Broken*

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Barbara Kershner



POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts arr. Andrew Clarke

All are invited to remain seated during the postlude so that the family might prepare to welcome you to the reception in the Jonathan Edwards Room immediately following worship.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

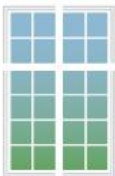
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

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 pres-
ence 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 for ever.



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