

I'll Fly Away

G G7 C G

1 Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a-way;
2 When the shad-ows of this life have gone, fly a-way, fly a-way;
3 Just a few more wea-ry days and then,

G D7 G C G

to a home on God's ce-les-tial shore, I'll fly a-way.
Like a bird from pris-on bars has flown, fly a-way, fly a-way.
To a land where joys shall nev-er end,

Refrain G G7 C G C G

I'll fly a-way, O glo-ry, I'll fly a-way;
fly a-way, fly a-way, in the morn-ing;

D7 G C G

When I die, hal-le-lu-jah, by and by, I'll fly a-way.
fly a-way, fly a-way.

A Service of Celebration and Remembrance

in honor of

Patricia Blair Ryan

February 27, 1933—September 5, 2025



September 21, 2025

*The First Congregational Church, UCC
Stockbridge, MA*

Order of Worship

All are welcome! Restrooms are available—go through the doors at the front left of the Sanctuary and then through the Jonathan Edwards Room. They will be in the hallway on your right.



PRELUDES

Long Time Traveler

Sean Lewis, Organ
Emma Kales, Violin

WELCOME

Rev. Brent Damrow

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *We Remember Her* (See Insert)

READING *Death is Nothing* (Henry S. Holland) Jessica Lapinski

OPENING SONG *Turn, Turn, Turn* (See Insert)

REFLECTION Rev. Damrow

SOLO *Deep Peace* Louise Coombe

READING *When You See my Mother, Ask her to Dance* (extracts)
Written by Joan Baez

EULOGY Eileen Ryan

*SONG *Simple Gifts*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
'til by turning, turning, we come round right.

EULOGY Harold Schrager

INTERLUDE *Wild Mountain Thyme* Sean Lewis

EULOGY Giles Holt

SOLO *On the Bonnie Bank O'Loch Lomond* Roger MacDonald

UNISON PRAYER

**We give thanks for the life we remember today,
for the love that shaped us,
for the memories that hold us,
and for the peace that surrounds us.**

**May comfort embrace all who mourn,
may hope carry us through the days ahead,
and may love—stronger than death—
be our lasting bond and our living legacy. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF COMMENDATION**

*RESPONDING IN LOVE AND LIGHT

*SONG *I'LL Fly Away* (See Back)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Damrow

POSTLUDE Sean Lewis

Thank you for your presence on this day and in the days to come. The family invites you to a reception at the Stockbridge Golf Club (adjacent to the Church) immediately following the service.