A Celebration of Life

Lynne Buckbee Alexander

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Richfield United Methodist Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Prelude "Come to Me" Brad Gardner, soloist
by Dan Forrest Sonja Gustafson, organ

This piece was given to Richfield UMC by Lynne and dedicated in honor of her mother, Meg. It was first shared in worship on November 3, 2019.

Words of Grace and Greeting Rev. Nate Melcher

Gathering Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UM Hymnal 140

1. **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;**
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,**
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,**
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Centering Prayer

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.
And lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Psalm 23 — Griffin Alexander

Poem — from "For Solitude" by John O'Donohue

Scripture in Context

Scripture Reading — Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 — Matt Currie

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Meditation — Rev. Nate Melcher

Witness — Phil Williams, Eric Stephens, Jennifer Colvin, Alex Currie, and Mark Stevens, Kate Currie and Marilee Stevens

Special Music — "Amazing Grace" UM Hymnal 378, vv. 1, 3, 6 — Brennan Currie, oboe; Mike Stevens, soloist

Congregation, please join in singing verse 6

6. **When we've been there ten thousand years,**
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Prayer of Commendation

Benediction

Postlude — "Minnesota Hail to Thee" "Minnesota Rouser"

“Here She Comes!”

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her as she sails away to where the sea meets the sky. Then someone at my side says,

“There, she is gone!”

“Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all… Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, “There, she is gone!”, there are others watching her coming, and other voices who take up the glad shout, “Here she comes!”

“I Am Standing Upon the Seashore” (selections)
by Henry Van Dyke

Thank you for gathering today to celebrate and remember our dear friend, Lynne.
The family expresses their heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and support.
You are invited to refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following the service.

Memorials are preferred to Richfield United Methodist Church or the University of Minnesota Raptor Center.

Obituary and Virtual Guestbook: obituaries.startribune.com/obituary/lynne-alexander-1093447217

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We thank those who help make worship a ministry of grace:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Musicians: Brennan Currie, Brad Gardner, Sonja Gustafson, Mike Stevens

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