

*First Congregational United Church of Christ
River Falls, Wisconsin*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JUDITH GAIL PERMANN

MAY 7, 1940 – NOVEMBER 4, 2021

June 18, 2022

11:00 am

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND PROMISE

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Almighty God, from whom we come, and to whom our spirits return: you have been our dwelling place in all generations. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Grant us your blessing in this hour, and enable us to put our trust in you that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth and help us to see the light of eternity. So may we find grace and strength for this and every time of need; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

HYMN *"How Can I Keep From Singing"* (insert)

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF LIFE Judith's Family

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Shall We Gather at the River"* Kate Jennings

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Ashokan Farewell"* Joan Molloy

WORDS OF FAITH Rev. Chris Myers

SPECIAL MUSIC *"The Gift of Love"* Kate Jennings

PSALM 23 (UNISON)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN *"Borning Cry"* #351

COMMENDATION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chris Myers, Pastor
Marsha Pearson, Pianist
Kate Jennings, Soloist
Joan Molloy, Violinist

The Permann family invites you to lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Judith will be interred in the church Memorial Garden immediately after the service.

River Falls resident and talented musician, Judith was surrounded by her loved ones when she passed peacefully 11/4/2021. Judith was born 5/7/1940 in St. Paul, MN to William and Lucille, and graduated from Humboldt High School. Judith married Delbert Permann, a United Church of Christ (UCC) minister on 12/21/1963. Daughter Jennifer was born in 1968 in Waukesha, WI, and Rachel was born in 1972 in Sparta, WI. While in Sparta, Judith and Del fostered Jeanette, Lynette and Rachael who became close family. Judith joined PEO, played sublime piano-organ duets at the Sparta UCC church, and accompanied church, school ensembles, and individual singers and musicians.

The Permanns moved to River Falls, WI 2/1983; Judith considered River Falls her home. At the First Congregational UCC, she continued sharing her musical talents at the church, the school district, University and community. She cherished making music with the Music Madams, the St. Croix Valley Boys' Choir, the Bloomington Civic Theater (MN), Lamplight concerts, and toured Germany twice with the Gospellers Choir of the Wisconsin UCC. Judith enjoyed time with family, and chatting with friends at the Dish and Spoon Café.

Judith and Del also served UCC congregations in Tucson, AZ, Albuquerque, NM, and Prescott, Sheboygan, Roberts, and Ellsworth WI. Judith and Del moved to Tacoma, WA in 2018 to be near family.

Judith was a beautiful soul and a warm, caring woman to all who knew her. Judith is survived by her husband of 57 years, Delbert, daughters and foster daughters Jennifer, Rachel, Lynnette, Jeannette and Rachael, and grandchildren and foster grandchildren Elena, Dan, Leanne, Jessi, and Christian.

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