



The Presbyterian Church of Dover



A Celebration of the Life of Nancy Louise Murray

April 11, 1934- April 28, 2024

The Gathering

Prelude Music

Dr. Heather Hamilton

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Parsons II

Thanksgiving for Baptism

+ Opening Prayer (unison)

Mrs. Julia Wheeler-Dean

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Show us now your grace, that as we face the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

+ Hymn #1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Confession & Pardon

Let us now ask God to cleanse our hearts, to redeem our memories, and to renew our confidence in the goodness of God.

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever: we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into action; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the help you offer us in Christ. Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence we make our confession to you. *(Silent Prayers)*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your Word, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

The Psalm Reading: Psalm 23

Mrs. Julia Wheeler-Dean

The Gospel Reading: John 14:1-6, 25-27

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Parsons II

The Response

+ Hymn (Insert)

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Celebrations & Remembrances

Deb Murray, Becky Scarborough, John Murray

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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

** Please use whichever words and language you prefer.*

The Sending

+ Hymn (Insert)

“He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands”

+ Blessing

Postlude

“The Old Rugged Cross” and “He’s Got the Whole Wide World” from *Hymns for the Family of God*,
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+ *Please stand as you are willing and able*

*The service will continue at the graveside in the Old Presbyterian Church Cemetery
on Governors Avenue.*

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