

A SERVICE *of* WORSHIP
in WITNESS *to* THE
RESURRECTION



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Salisbury, North Carolina

A CELEBRATION *of* THE LIFE
of
Jane Brown Shumate

22 JUNE 1940 — 14 AUGUST 2021

Sunday, 22 August, *Anno Domini* 2021

Two o'clock in the afternoon | The Sanctuary

✦ *denotes the People stand, in body or in spirit, as able. The People's responses are printed in bold.*

Please silence all devices.

— ENTRANCE —

PRELUDE MUSIC

Joshua Starnes, *Director of Music Ministry*

✦ GREETING (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti, *Senior Pastor*

We have gathered to celebrate the life of Jane Shumate.

We give thanks for her life,

and we commend her spirit into God's eternal Presence.

Let us recall all the saints who have found that peace in which Jane now rests.

[Moment of Silence]

Now let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life,

among those who mourn and with those who now see Him face to face.

Our lips will shout for joy,

for God's love is over all that He has made.

Blessed be His glorious Name forever!

✦ OPENING HYMN: NO. 707 (*sung by all*)

PROMISE

Hymn of Promise

✦ OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Lord Jesus Christ,

**just as You comforted Your disciples when You were going to die:
now set our troubled hearts at rest and banish our fears.**

You are The Way to the Father: help us to follow You.

You are The Truth: bring us to know You.

You are The Life: give us that life, to live with You now and forever.

Amen.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in Me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

— PROCLAMATION *and* RESPONSE —

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40.28-31 (NRSV; Pew Bible: OT, p. 668)

PSALMODY (*responsively*)

Psalm 23 (Hymnal, p. 137)

✦ NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 14.1-3 (NRSV; Pew Bible: NT, p. 108)

MEDITATION

— COMMENDATION —

PRAYERS of COMMENDATION *and* THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung by soloist*)

arr. Albert Hay Malotte

from Matthew 6.9b-13

✦ SENDING FORTH (*responsively*)

Christ went before us in death, showing us The Way into eternal life.
And now our loved one, Jane, has followed Him.

We celebrate the good life we have shared with Jane.

God has given. God has received that which was loaned to us.

We are thankful for the good days we shared with Jane.

May God our Creator and Jesus Christ our Lord,
fortify us in every good deed and word.

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

AMEN!

✦ CLOSING HYMN: NO. 77 (*sung by all*)

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

*The flowers adorning the chancel and Columbarium are lovingly given to the glory of God
in memory of Jane Shumate, by her family.*

A Limb Fallen

A limb has fallen from the family tree,
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song,
the good life I lived while I was still strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how truly blessed.

Continue traditions, now matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't just stare at the wall.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up chin.
Until the Day comes we're together again."

–Author Unknown

Those in need of grief counseling may contact Garry Cook,
our Counseling Center Pastoral Counselor, by phone at: 704.375.5354, x. 405,
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To make and nurture Christian disciples
through the presence and power of God.