

# The Order of Service

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Eleven o'clock in the morning

*Please silence devices and enter in quiet prayer.*

VOLUNTARY

ENTRANCE OF THE FAMILY

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

GREETING *(read responsively)*

**W**e have gathered to remember the life of Betty Jane Wilhelm.

**We give thanks for her life,**

**and we commend her spirit into God's eternal care.**

Let us recall all the saints who have found that peace in which

Betty 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 God 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!**

PRAYER *(in unison)*

**O** Jesus Christ our risen Lord, you have gone before us in death.

**Grant us the assurance of your presence, that we who are anxious and fearful in**

**the face of death may confidently face the future, in the knowledge that you have**

**prepared a place for all who love you. Comfort us who mourn; and give us grace,**

**in the presence of death, to worship you, that we may have a sure hope of eternal life**

**and put our whole trust in your goodness and mercy. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**J**esus 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.

PSALTER

The Twenty-Third Psalm

**T**he Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 40:28-31

THE HOLY GOSPEL—John 14, selected verses

**T**he Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

PRAYER

SOLO

You Raise Me Up

Rolf Lovland & Brendan Graham

*Dennis Hinson, soloist*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

*The congregation is invited to greet Betty's family under the shade trees outside the sanctuary.*

*Please keep wearing a mask and keep six feet of physical distancing.*

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE OFFERED TO THE  
GREATER GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF  
MRS. BETTY JANE WILHELM.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti

*Senior Pastor*

Mr. Joshua Starnes

*Director of Music & Organist*

## BETTY JANE (GRAY) WILHELM

Betty Wilhelm, 86, of Salisbury, passed away Friday, August 21, 2020, at her residence in Salisbury. Born in Rowan County on January 22, 1934, she was the daughter of the late John Thomas Gray & the late Ruth Southerland Gray.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church. She graduated from Cleveland High School, Lenior Rhyne College, with a Masters from the University of Georgia. She taught at Cleveland and Mt Ulla Schools and loved all her students. Betty was once named Miss Cleveland and then Miss Lenoir-Rhyne.

She is preceded in death by her husband Dwight Wilhelm and son David Wilhelm. Those left to cherish her memory are her sons- Patrick (Allison) from Cornelius, Brian (Jennie) from Aldie VA., Russell from Mocksville, sister-in-law Susie Hamby Gray of Mt Ulla, 2 grandchildren Katharine Davis Wilhelm and Leila Southerland Wilhelm.

The Wilhelm Family gratefully requests memorials be sent to:

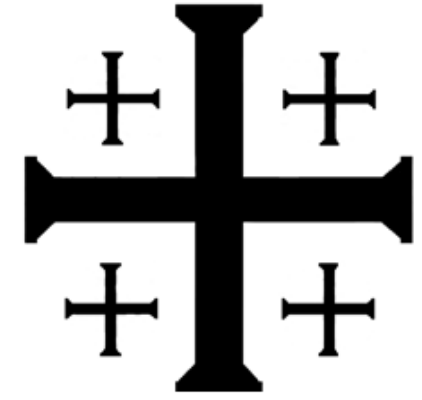
First United Methodist Church  
217 South Church Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144

*or*

David G. Wilhelm Foundation  
22006 Market Street  
Cornelius, NC 28031

WHAT WE BELIEVE

At the heart of the Christian faith is God's victory over death. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are given the gift of life eternal. As Jesus' followers, we are convinced that we share in this victory over the grave. We affirm that at death, the Christian believer lives in the presence of God in an eternal home. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. So, death is not the end; rather, this is the new beginning of a fuller existence that will be completed in the resurrection of the body. This hope is based, not on our worthiness, but exclusively upon God's grace. The large white candle, called the "Paschal Candle," is lit symbolizing God's victory over death, for Betty's sake, and for all of us who gather today.



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIFE OF

BETTY JANE (GRAY) WILHELM

JANUARY 22, 1934 – AUGUST 21, 2020



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