

Memorial Service in Celebration of the Life of

F. Laurence “Larry” Pethick

July 29, 1937 – November 1, 2021

First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, December 19, 2021, 2:00 pm

Carillon Prelude *Peaceful Abbey* Flor Peeters
 Notturmo (from ‘A Simple Suite’) Ronald Barnes
 L’Envol (Soaring) Claude Aubin

Organ Prelude *Aria for Organ* Flor Peeters
 Nimrod, from Enigma Variations, Edward Elgar

Greeting Friends, we gather here in the protective shelter of God’s healing love.

We are free to pour out our grief, release our anger and hurt,
face our emptiness and fears, knowing that God cares.

We gather here as God’s people; conscious of others who have died
and of the frailty of our own existence on earth.

We come to comfort and support one another in our common loss.

We come together to commend to God with thanksgiving
the life of Larry Pethick.

May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope,
in death resurrection.

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* UMH 89

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you,

And also with you,

Let us pray,

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. Give us now your grace that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity.

Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you, and that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you.

Especially we praise you for Larry, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23 Allison Johnsen

New Testament Reading Romans 8: 35, 37-39 Ned Pethick

Hymn *Be Still My Soul* UMH 534

Gospel Reading John 14: 1-3, 27 Ginni Condo

Reflections Dan Ross
Larry Waidler
Amy Pethick

Meditation Bob Coombe

Congregational Prayers

O God, all that you have given us is yours.

As first you gave Larry to us, now we give Larry back to you.

Receive Larry into your arms of mercy.

Raise Larry up with all your people.

Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.

Help us so to love and serve you in this world

that we may enter into your joy in the world to come. Amen.

Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your beloved servant Larry. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock; a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive Larry into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints of light. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Mother-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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

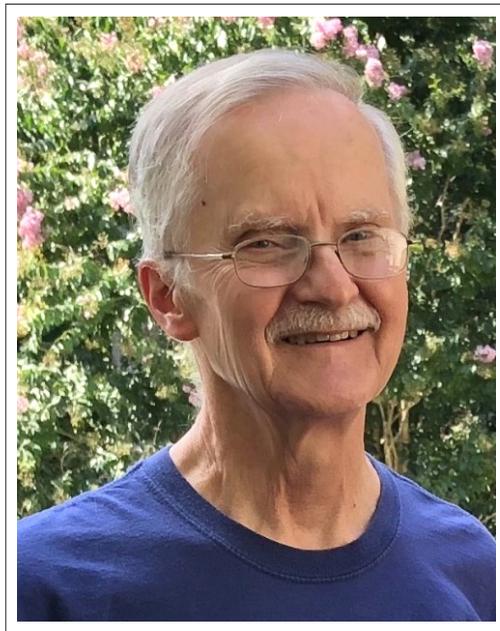
Hymn *Join the Music* SEEDS 14

Benediction

Postlude *Toccata, from Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

Participants:

Rev. Robert G. Coombe, *Lead Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Germantown*
Rev. Noe Gabriel Lopez, *Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Germantown*
Jodi Acker Bohr, *Organist, First United Methodist Church of Germantown*
Janet Tebbel, *Carillonneur, First United Methodist Church of Germantown*



*On a day when the wind is perfect,
the sail just needs to open
and the love starts.*

*Today is such
a day*

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