A Celebration of the Life of Penni "PJ" Flick

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Swarthmore United Methodist Church 129 Park Avenue | Swarthmore, PA

Saturday, March 16, 2024 Visitation 10:00am | Music Prelude 10:30am | Memorial at 11:00am Reception in the Centennial Room immediately following the Service

> Rev. Ali DeLeo, Senior Pastor Rev. Joanne Miles, Deacon Matthew English, Director of Music JohnPaul Beattie, Audio-Visual-Streaming Engineer Minshall-Schropshire-Bleyer Funeral Home

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PRELUDE

Matthew J. English, Director of Music

How Great Thou Art (UMH #77)
In The Garden (UMH #314)
Faith of our Fathers (UMH #710)
Thy Word (UMH #601)
The Lord's Prayer (composed by Albert Hay Malotte)
Blessed Assurance (UMH #369)

WORDS OF GRACE AND GREETING

Rev. Ali DeLeo, Pastor

OPENING PRAYER

Michelle LaChance & Nancy Taylor Daughters of the American Revolution, Delaware County Chapter

INVOCATION (unison)

Eternal God, we praise You for the great company of those who have finished their course and now rest from their labor. We praise you for Penni, a woman with enduring faith through the joys and trials of life, who you have graciously received into your eternal and loving presence. As we remember her and celebrate her life, we thank you for the many ways Penni continues to live in our hearts and minds. Amen.

OPENING HYMN The Old Rugged Cross UMH #504

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suff'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best For a world of lost sinners was slain.

[Refrain] So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see, For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, To pardon and sanctify me. /Refrain/

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true; Its shame and reproach gladly bear; Then He'll call me someday to my home far away, Where His glory forever I'll share. /Refrain/

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 16:4-6 & 31-34

Brian Irwin

PSALM READING: Psalm 23 Rev. Joanne Miles, Deacon

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

[Refrain] It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. /Refrain]

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! /Refrain]

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. /Refrain/

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:1-4

Rev. Ali DeLeo

HOMILY Rev. Ali DeLeo

HYMN Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling UMH #348

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling...calling for you and for me; See, on the portals he's waiting and watching...watching for you and for me.

[Refrain] Come home, come home...you who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling...calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading...pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies...mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing...passing from you and from me; Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming...coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised...promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon...pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

TRIBUTES

Dan Castagna
Susan Irwin

PRAYER OF COMFORT & THANKSGIVING

Rev. Ali DeLeo

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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 and ever. Amen.

OUR LAST FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Led by Scout Leader Alina Torres-Zickler

All current & past Girl Scouts or Scout Leaders ("Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout") are invited to come forward to participate in this beautiful ceremony of friendship, love & respect.

Day is done, Gone the sun, From the lake, From the hill, From the sky. All is well, Safely rest...God is nigh.

*CLOSING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

[Refrain] Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

BENEDICTION Rev. Ali DeLeo

POSTLUDE Matthew English

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Thank you for remembering & celebrating Penni's life with us today. All are invited to a dessert & coffee reception in the Centennial Room.

Penni's family suggests that memorial donations be made in Penni's honor to the Girl Scouts of America or an animal rescue organization of your choosing.