

**First Presbyterian Church
of Rumson**

Rumson, New Jersey



**Mary Ellen Wilson
1930 - 2021**

A Service of Witness To the Resurrection

In Celebration of the Life of

Mary Ellen Wilson

March 5, 1930 - November 29, 2021

PRELUDE

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: We have gathered to worship God and to celebrate the life of **Mary Ellen**.*

People: We give thanks for her life, and we commend her spirit into God's eternal being.

Leader: For our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

***HYMN #836 "Abide with Me".....Eventide**

UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have finished their race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you ...especially we thank you for **Mary Ellen** whom you have now received into your presence. Help us to believe where we have not seen, trusting you to lead us through our years. Bring us at last with all your people into the joy of your home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 23 (Unison)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

***HYMN “*In the Garden*”** (see insert)..... Garden

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND HOMILY Rev. John W. Monroe, III
Psalm 90, Ecclesiastes 3:1-14, Ephesians 3:14-21

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION & LORD’S PRAYER

***COMMENDATION**

Leader: You only, O God, are immortal, the Creator and maker of all.

People: **We are mortal, formed of the earth in this vast universe, and to earth we return.**

Leader: Give rest, O God, to your servants with all your saints, where there is neither sorrow nor sighing, but life everlasting. Into your hands, we commend **Mary Ellen**. Receive her into the arms of your care and into everlasting peace.

People: **Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN #649 “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*”**Amazing Grace

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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***Please stand if you are able.**



REVEREND JOHN W. MONROE, III
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