

*A Service to Celebrate the Lives
of
Suzanne Butler Eaton & R. David Eaton*



October 9, 1933 - January 25, 2024



September 1, 1930 - August 24, 2022

Saturday, May 4, 2024



First Congregation Church of Essex Junction
39 Main Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

I am the resurrection and the life.

*Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

I John 11:25-26

Prelude Hymn Selections Bethany Blake, Organ

Opening Words of Promise and Welcome

Call to Worship..... The 23rd Psalm

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures.

God restores my soul and leads me in paths of righteousness.

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil for you are with me.

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

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

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever.

***Opening Hymn My Life Flows on in Endless Song #476**

Greeting

A Time of Prayer and Sung Lord's Prayer by Dr. Linda Carroll Music by Albert Malotte

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Prophet Micah 6:1-8 [page 672]

New Testament Epistle Colossians 3:12-17 [page 156]

New Testament Gospel John 21:15-19 [page 89]

Anthem by Men at First *Ride the Chariot* Arr. W. Henry Smith

Meditation *What a Pair!* Rev. Mark Mendes

***Hymn I Sing a Song of the Saints of God #295**

A Time of Sharing

Eulogy from a Granddaughter: Liana Eaton Lewis Agredo

Eulogy from a Daughter: Alicia Eaton Lewis

Other Memories, Sentiments and Stories of Dave & Sue

A Memorial Anthem *Dona Nobis Pacem* Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Offered in Gratitude by Heavenly Harmony

Affirmation of Faith [Romans 8]

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Kaddish sung by William Riley

Commendation

Anthem

A Place in the Valley

Don Besig

Performed by the Sanctuary Choir & Men at First

Benediction

Pastoral Benediction

*Sung Community Benediction

Go Now In Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, holding you in love.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Postlude

Fantasy in A Minor

Emma Louise Ashford



- ❖ *Everyone is invited downstairs for a time of food and fellowship. You are encouraged to share your stories of Dave and Sue and support their family. Everyone is invited to the cemetery for the final committal after the time of fellowship.*
- ❖ *A special thank you to FCCEJ, Rev. Mark Mendes, Jen Kelly, Bethany Blake; Men at First, Heavenly Harmony, Dr. Linda Carroll and William Riley, the Sexton, West Lane Flowers, *Jericho Café and Tavern and the **Church Hospitality team.*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine One,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*