

# Memorial Service

Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference  
of The United Methodist Church

Saturday, June 13, 2015 ~ 1 p.m.

## THE GATHERING and PRELUDE

### †THE GREETING

*Bishop Bickerton*

We have gathered here to celebrate the lives of those who have served faithfully through the years and now share the triumph of Christ.

**We affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of our Lord.**

Let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life, among those who mourn as with those who now see Christ face to face.

**In the midst of our grief we sing with joy, for God's love is over all that has been made. Blessed be God's glorious name forever!**

### †THE HYMN

*Rejoice in God's Saints*

### OPENING PRAYER *(unison)*

*Sharon Gregory*

Tender and compassionate God, we seek to know You through the hearing of Your Word, and we pray that we may go beyond hearing to obeying, as shown by the faithful lives of Your departed servants whom we honor today. We know that they are precious in Your eyes, worthy of Your special attention and ours, for they served well in the tasks that You gave them. Grant that we may feel Your presence as did the followers who knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and may we experience the fire within that sent them out to share good news. Amen!

### PRAYER REFLECTION

Carrickfergus

Pachelbels's Canon in D

*Emily Hayes, harpist*

*~arranged by Woods*

*~arranged by McDonald/Wood*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Daniel 3:21-29

**THE MESSAGE**

*Unbound*  
**Rev. Keith McGarvey**

**The Hymn**

*On Eagle's Wings*

**ACT of REMEMBRANCE**

**Rev. Pamela Gardner**

*The name of each of the honored dead is read aloud.  
As each name is read, if your life was touched by their life,  
you are invited to stand in their memory...*

**ANTHEM**

**Conference Ministers Chorus**

*In His Presence* ~by Tunney, Tunney, Hayes  
Rev. Stephen Morse--director; Rev. Janet Lord--accompanist

†**PRAYER for the SAINTS** (*unison*)

O God of both the living and the dead, we praise Your holy name for all Your servants who have faithfully lived and died. We thank You for the sacred ties that bind us to those unseen, who encompass us as a great cloud of witnesses. We pray that, as we are encouraged by their example and strengthened by their ministry, we may become more diligent followers of Christ, and that nothing will be able to separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus. Amen!

†**THE HYMN**

*For All the Saints*

†**DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

**Bishop Bickerton**

†**THE POSTLUDE**

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† indicates a time to stand, if you are able

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton**

**Sharon Gregory** – Conference Lay Leader

**Rev. Keith McGarvey** - Preacher

**Rev. Pamela Gardner** – Memoirs Representative

**Evan Snyder** - Organist

## **ABOUT OUR HAPIST**

*Emily Hayes is 14 years old and resides in Harrisville, PA.*

*She is a student at Portersville Christian School where she just completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade with a 4.0 GPA. Emily began playing piano at age 4½ and harp at age 6½. Emily studies harp with Ms. Julia Scott, Harp Instructor at Grove City College. In December of 2010, Emily, along with seven adult harpists, played with the Butler County Symphony. In 2011, Emily used her harp to raise over \$1500 for the "Imagine No Malaria" program through her church. She continues to play for her church whenever she can. Emily is a member of the Erie Junior Philharmonic under the direction of Mr. Robert Dolwick. In her free time, Emily enjoys reading, crafts and target shooting. In the future, Emily hopes to study Harp Performance in college.*