

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF
Frances “Fran” Herrity**

May 14, 1943 to September 21, 2021

*Please stand in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

SENTENCES

Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive forevermore.

***OPENING HYMN #71**

“Be Thou My Vision”

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Friends, we gather here in the protective shelter of God’s healing love. We are free to pour out our grief, release our anger, face our emptiness, and know that God cares.

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

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

We gather to hear God’s word of hope that can drive away our despair and move us to offer God our praise.

We gather to commend to God with thanksgiving the life of God’s servant and to celebrate the life journey of Fran Herrity, as we celebrate the good news of Christ’s resurrection.

For whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Christ who is Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gracious is our God and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

I will walk in the presence of God in the land of the living.

I will fulfill my vows to God in the presence of all God’s people.

Precious in the sight of God is the death of all those who die in faithfulness.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:28-30

John 14:1-4

UNISON READING

Psalm 23

Richard Blackman

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.

ANTHEM

“Jesus, I Live to Thee”

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8

MEDITATION

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

EULOGY

Eileen Shaffer

HYMN #267

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

***SONG OF SIMEON**

Holy One, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

***CLOSING HYMN #562**

“Soon and Very Soon”

***BENEDICTION**

May God bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

“I’ll Fly Away”

Officiant: Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Organist: Gloria Crum

We respectfully request that you wear a mask and practice social distancing.
Due to COVID-19, there will be no reception.

Frances Louise “Fran” Herrity, Ph.D., age 78, of Fayetteville, PA passed away on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at the Chambersburg Hospital. Born in Washington, DC on May 14, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Harry Edward Sparshott, Sr. and Frances Louise Kellum Sparshott.

Ms. Herrity earned her Bachelor, Masters, and Doctorate degrees from George Mason University, where she served as Associate Dean of Admissions for 18 years, until her retirement. Prior to working at George Mason, she worked for the House of Representatives in Administration for 30 years. Fran was a member of St. John’s UCC, where she served in the Church Consistory, as a Bell Ringer, on the Personnel Committee, and the Summer Singers. Charitable with her time, Fran volunteered at the Grove Library, Coyle Free Library, the Chambersburg Hospital in Pastoral Care, and the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter. She enjoyed horses and was a member of the Toastmasters and Bull Run Hunt Club. Surviving are her siblings, Patricia A. Blackman (husband Richard) of DE and Harry Edward Sparshott (wife Joanne) of NC; two nieces, Karen Vassallo (husband Paul) of MD and Janet Burch (husband Mike) of MD; a nephew, David Hazel (wife Tara) of MD; three great nephews; and two great nieces. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Walter Herrity.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 1 PM at St. John’s UCC, 1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA, where Pastor Caroline Saxton will officiate. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service in the church. Graveside services will follow on Friday, October 1, 2021, at 12:30 in Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA. Arrangements are entrusted to the Thomas L. Geisel Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Chambersburg, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Grove Family Library, 101 S. Ragged Edge Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17202 or to the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter, 5051 Letterkenny Rd. West, Chambersburg, PA 17201.



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