

# EDEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**April 4, 2025**



**FREIDA M. FLECK**

**Born to Us: September 13, 1927**

**Delivered to Eternal Rest: March 29, 2025**

### ORDER OF SERVICE

*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

*See an usher at rear if you need to use the rest rooms  
(first floor Fellowship Hall or off second floor gym)*

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***Processional...10am***

***Lying in State/Visitation...10am-10:50am***

***Gathering for Worship...10:50am***

**Prelude**

**"A Medley of Hymns"**

**Gail Angel**

**Call to Worship**

**Rev. Jacki Belile**

**Welcome**

**\*Opening Hymn**  
**No. 77**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Sarah Foster**

**Affirmation of Christ’s Promises**  
**Dahmer**

**Lee**

## **Affirmation of Christ’s Promises**

I commend to you these words of faith, handed down through the ages because they are trustworthy and true. They are drawn from the Holy Scriptures. May they minister to our hearts this day.

First, we remember the words of the Lord to his disciples before he was taken from them. He said these words in John 14:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

We remember also these words from the apostle Paul, who found the promise of forgiveness and eternal life in the Light of Jesus Christ. In Romans 8, he writes “In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. “

Lastly, we treasure of vision of heaven’s peace and joy in Revelations 21. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'

Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

May these living words bring the assurance of Christ's hope, in which we abide. Our first-born brother is our resurrection and our life. The Lord is near!

**Special Music**  
**Angel**

"How Great Thou Art"

**Gail Angel & Steve**

**Scripture Reading**  
**Dahmer**

Galatians 6:7-10

**Kaitlyn**

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

**Hymn of Commitment**

"Living for Jesus a Life that is True"

**No.569**

**Scripture Reading**

Philippians 4:4-9

**Rev. Jacki Belile**

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

**Eulogy**

**Daryl Dahmer**

**Invitation to Silent Remembrances:**

*Hymn for Meditation "Abide with Me" (Instrumental) during our contemplation. As we close, we remember Fritzi's warm personal touch...*

**Pastoral Reflection**

**Rev. Jacki Belile**

**Pastoral Prayer... Lord's Prayer**

**...Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"It is Well with My Soul"**

**No. 519**

**\*Words of Commendation... Pastoral/Communal**

***Psalm 23 in 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 paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil;  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff,  
they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
thou anointest 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  
forever.**

**\*Benediction/Dismissal**

**Rev. Jacki Belile**

*The pall is placed as we prepare for our communal departure.*

**\*Recessional**

“Going Home” (Dvorak)

**Gail Angel**

*See lyrics for silent meditation.*

*Congregation may be seated after recessional as ushers escort family rows outside first.  
Remain seated until dismissed.*

**\*The Tolling of Eden Bells**

**\*Postlude**

“Russian Easter”

**Gail Angel**

*Our fellowship will continue to Colletti’s, with a time of memory sharing hosted by Lance Dahmer.*

*See funeral home staff for info.*

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*We’re grateful for the service of Kolbus-John V. May Funeral Home. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Freida’s name to Eden United Church of Christ (Memo Line: Forget Me Not Fund) would be appreciated. Give cash, check or online at [www.edenuccchicago.org](http://www.edenuccchicago.org). For information, 773-774-3232 or [www.kolbusmayfh.com](http://www.kolbusmayfh.com)*

**“GOING HOME” LYRICS**

*(For silent reflection)*

*Goin' home, goin' home,  
I'm a goin' home;  
Quiet like, some still day,  
I'm jes' goin' home.*

*It's not far, jes' close by,  
Through an open door;  
Work all done, care laid by,  
gwine to fear no more.*

*Mother's there 'spectin' me,  
Father's waitin' too;  
Lots o'folk gather'd there,  
All the friends I knew.*

*Home, home, I'm goin' home!*

*Nothin' lost, all's gain,  
No more fret nor pain,  
No more stumblin' on the way,  
No more longin' for the day,  
Gwine to roam no more!*

*Mornin' star lights the way,  
Res'less dreams all done;  
Shadows gone, break o'day,  
Real life jes' begun.*

*Dere's no break, ain't no end,  
Jes' a livin' on;  
Wide awake, with a smile  
Goin' on and on.*

*Goin' home, goin' home,  
I'm jes' goin' home.  
It's not far, jes' close by,  
Through an open door;*

*I'm jes' goin' home.  
Goin' home.*

*----Goin' Home, 'From the New World' (Dvorak)*

