



In Memoriam
Ann Callie Manning

November 24, 1947 - March 3, 2022

Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

May 17, 2022, 10 a.m.

In Memoriam: Ann Callie Manning
Order of Service

PRELUDE

Fanfare for Organ

Libby Larsen

*Prelude on a 19th-century Hymn:
"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"*

Emma Lou Diemer

Ann's Favorite Hymns
"It is Well With My Soul" – "Amazing Grace"
"Lord of the Dance" – "Blest be the Tie that Binds"

Philip Brunelle

Mirror in the Mirror
Laura Sewell, *cello*; Philip Brunelle, *piano*

Arvo Pärt

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Rev. Seth Patterson

TWO POEMS

Respite and Sonnet for Ann

Sam King,
poet and reader

MUSIC DUET

By Breath

Sara Thomsen and
Paula J. Pedersen

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Barbara Arney

CELLO SOLO

Siciliano

Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Amanda Manning-Maras and
Katie Nichols, *nieces of Ann*

HYMN

How Can I Keep from Singing?
led by Prudence Johnson

"Endless Song"

My life goes on in endless song
Above earth's lamentations,
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear its music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars,
I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

—arr. *Eithne Ni Bhraonain, Nicky Ryan, Roma Ryan*

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Bev Caruso
Sharon Day

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Beth Hoffman Faeth

SENDING

BENEDICTION SONG

May the Longtime Sun
led by Sara Thomsen and Paula J. Pedersen

Sara Thomsen

May the longtime sun shine upon you
All love surround you
And the pure, pure light that's within you
Guide your way home

—Words by Mike Heron

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

Charles-Marie Widor



We invite you to join us in Guild Hall for conversation and sweet potato pie after the service. Ann had a special connection to sweet potato pie after she met her friend, Rose McGee who founded the Sweet Potato Comfort Pie organization with a mission to advance racial justice and equity, heal damage caused by race-based trauma and elevate marginalized voices and experiences. It was Rose who inspired Ann to also bake sweet potato pies and deliver them as an act of healing and hospitality.

“Sweet potato pie is the ‘sacred dessert’ of Black people, and it has power. Not only does it give us energy, this pie links us to history, it soothes our spirits and renews us for the much-needed work.”

—Rose McGee, www.sweetpotatocomfortpie.org

Plymouth Congregational Church gratefully acknowledges
that we are on the sacred traditional territory of the Dakota people. It is an honor to live, pray, seek justice, and create community alongside Dakota, Ojibwe, and other Indigenous people in the Twin Cities.

This symbol—The Tree of Life—was very significant for Ann and was used in the 2014 Women’s Congress. In many cultures, the sacred Tree of Life represents the interconnected nature of all things in the Universe and the eternal relationship between the physical realm in which we are grounded and the spiritual realm for which we are always reaching. We are so grateful that Ann taught us to honor both our earthly and spiritual worlds.



Our family is also deeply grateful to each and all of you who are here today to honor Ann—you caregivers who provided such tender care; you who brought food, drove her to appointments, gave her personal care; you who sat with her during her transition; and you who sent her prayers and loving messages. You buoyed her spirits and ours. We feel connected to each of you in our love for our dear sister and friend. —*The Manning Family*

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