

A Service of
Witness to the Resurrection
and
Celebration of the Life of

Sally Patricia Myers Bacon

May 4, 1936 – October 24, 2023



Community Presbyterian Church
December 2, 2023
10:30 am

PRELUDE *Our God Our Help in Ages Past* William Croft
On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas
Two Settings of Royal Oak:
“All Things Bright and Beautiful” John A. Stallsmith
Clay Christiansen

PROCESSIONAL *Prayer of Saint Francis* Sebastian Temple

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Elizabeth Rebecca Bacon
Rebecca Emily Bacon Ehlers
Sarah Catherine Bacon Ehlers

GREETING Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

***HYMN 331** v 1-4 *Amazing Grace*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM 23 (unison)

**The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

**He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters.**

**He restores my soul;
he leads me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**Yea, 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.**

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3:1-1

MEDITATION Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

EULOGY Elizabeth Bacon

SHARING MEMORIES

POETRY Danielle Slowick Kubiesa

Poetry by Allen C. Lannom, May 22, 1960
Director of the Boston University Chapel Choir
in which both Sally and Bob sang

The Nightingale in the swamp,
The Mountain Thrush on crest of pine -
Both sing their songs.
The music of sorrow is no less sett
Thank the soaring melodies of ecstasy;
The monk-garbed Meadowlark flings its notes heavenward,
Even as the full-dress Painted Bunting;
For songs will be sung wherever there are singers
And hearts that are full
With love, or spring, or grief, of God.

Come, heart of min, let your over-fullness pour out
Anthems which rattle the panes of Heaven!
Let you glad, thankful songs unlock celestial gates;
And into the ear of God
Whisper back His music.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Paul Simon

Jeff Bacon, Dirk Ehlers, Garo Matossian, Clay Blunk

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Beth

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
they will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 331 V 1, 2, 4** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

COMMENDATION

BLESSING

POSTLUDE St. Anne: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Heinrich Fleischer

J.S. Bach

**Please rise in spirit or body*

*All are invited to greet the family following worship in the
Gathering Room, first floor*

Pastor: Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Organist: Walter Whitehouse

Musicians: Jeff Bacon, Dirk Ehlers, Garo Matossian, Clay Blunk

Ushers: Barb Coop, Gary Coop, Kit Olah

Audio/Visual: Paul Abraham

Reception Hostess: Lindy Steeves

Memorial donations in Sally's honor may be made to:

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Nature Conservancy

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In one of the stars I shall be living.

In one of them I shall be laughing.

And so, it will be as if all the stars were laughing

When you look at the sky at night.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery, *The Little Prince*

*“I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore,
that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being,
let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again.”*

Stephen Grellet

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Sally Patricia Myers Bacon, nee Myers; age 87; beloved wife of Robert E. Bacon; loving mother of Elizabeth Rebecca, and Jeffrey William; cherished grandmother of Rebecca Emily Bacon Ehlers (Clayton Blunk) and Sarah Catherine Bacon Ehlers (Garo Matossian).

Sally was born in 1936 in Detroit, MI. She graduated as an excellent student from Redford High School in 1954 and was accepted into the School of Music at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor as a student in vocal music education.

In her freshman year she met Bob, an engineering student. They were married in Detroit in September 1957 and then moved to Boston, where she received her BA degree in Music Education from Boston University, again with an emphasis on vocal performance. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, and was invited also to join Sigma Alpha Iota, a noted international professional music organization.



Sally's exceptional vocal talent was recognized very early. Strongly supported by her parents, it shaped her educational and professional endeavors throughout her life. She taught in the Framingham, MA public schools until moving to Rochester, NY in 1960. There she continued as a public-school music educator.



She became a full-time mom to Elizabeth in 1963 and then to Jeff in 1965. As the two grew more independent, Sally embarked on a second career as a high school library assistant, furthering her love for kids, for books and for her appreciation of education in all forms.

Throughout her life, Sally cultivated her passions for learning, music, social justice, animal welfare and other interests, both professionally and through committed volunteer and leadership service with the Marsh Chapel Choir, the Rochester Landmark Society, the Seneca Park Zoo, the American Red Cross, Third Presbyterian Church, the League of Women Voters, the Assistance League, the Rochester Oratorio Society, local women's shelters, and other socially conscious organizations. She also accepted numerous invitations to sing at friends' weddings and family celebrations.



Sally moved to Darien IL, a western suburb of Chicago, in 1997 to be closer to Elizabeth and to her precious granddaughters, Rebecca (b. 1991) and Sarah (b. 1995), both of whom she adored to the last days of her life.





She continued her volunteer efforts in Illinois with various organizations, that provided clothing, school supplies and other necessities to children and families in need. Sally was a member of Community Presbyterian Church for over 23 years and served as a Stephen Minister.

Sally is remembered by her family and all who knew her as warm, curious, compassionate, inclusive, and always concerned about the social welfare of others. She loved animals, wild and domestic, and could not bear their suffering. Her ready smile and sense of humor delighted her family and friends – who were never left to doubt her enduring love.



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