Celebration of the Life of Cecil Bridges

Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, April 25, 2025

Welcome — Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Singing — No. 1, *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*

Chalice Lighting

Music — *Who Will Sing for Me?*, Ralph Stanley & Carter Stanley

Eulogy

Singing — No. 6, *Just As Long As I Have Breath*

Remembrances — *You are warmly invited to share a memory of Cecil*

Singing — *So Long, It's Been Good to Know Yuh,* Woody Guthrie

I've sung this song, but I'll sing it again
Of the people I've met and the places I've been
Some of the troubles that bothered my mind
And a lot of good people that I've left behind, singing

Chorus So long, it's been good to know yuh (3x)
What a long time since I've been home
And I've gotta be driftin' along

The sweethearts, they sat in the dark and they sparked
They hugged and they kissed in that dusty old dark
They sighed and they cried and they hugged and they kissed
But instead of marriage they talked like this, honey *(Chorus)*

Well, I went to your family, I asked them for you
They all said, "take her, oh, take her, please do
She can't cook or sew and she won't scrub your floor"
So I put on my coat, tiptoed out the door, singing *(Chorus)*

I walked down the street the grocery store
It was crowded with people both rich and both poor
I asked the man how his butter was sold
He said, "one pound of butter for two pounds of gold," I said *(Chorus)*

My telephone rang and it jumped off the wall
That was the preacher makin' a call
He said, "We're waiting to tie the knot
You're getting married, believe it or not"
Well, the church was jammed, and the church, it was packed
The pews were so crowded from the front to the back
A thousand friends waited to kiss my new bride
But I was so anxious I rushed her outside, told 'em *(Chorus)*

Closing Blessing *Stardust,* Cecil Bridges



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And to everyone who loved Cecil—too many to name.

If you wish to honor Cecil's memory with a donation, his family suggests:

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