



**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**

**Ellen B. Williams**

**July 27, 1926 - May 31, 2020**

**Monday, May 31, 2021**

**11:00 a.m.**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Organ Prelude**

Michael Britt, organist

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

**Welcome**

Rev. Andrew Connors

**Prayer of Comfort**

Rev. Andrew Connors

**Organ Selection**

Michael Britt, John Walker

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Family Welcome and Remarks**

Margaret Williams

**Hymn**

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Hymn 825

**Video Remarks**

Tom Hurter

**Remarks**

Don Hurter

[i carry your heart with me (i carry it in] by e. e. cummings

**Response:** i carry your heart with me (i carry it in my heart)

**Solo**

*This Is My Father's World*

Claire Cooper, soloist

**Remarks**

Jenny Bricker

**Remarks**

Howard Fisher

Excerpts from "Orpheus. Eurydice. Hermes" (1922) by

Rainer Maria Rilke, translated by Stephen Mitchell

**Hymn**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Hymn 15

**Remarks**

Patty Hurter

**Video Tribute**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Andrew Connors

**Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn 611

[Move to Columbarium]

**Prayer of Commendation**

Rev. Andrew Connors

**Placing of the Ashes**

Margaret Williams and Patty Hurter

**Benediction**

Rev. Andrew Connors

**Postlude**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (St. Anne)

John Walker, organist

Andrew Connors, Pastor  
Michael Britt, Minister of Music  
John Walker, Minister of Music Emeritus

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Ellen was born in Passaic, New Jersey to the late Maria (Sisco) and John Bakelaar, the third of four daughters. An outstanding scholar, her success in school, both as a student and a teacher, continued throughout her life.

Ellen received a degree in organ studies from Westminster Choir College, where she also sang and toured internationally. Following graduation, she served as organist for many congregations. Later she earned a teaching degree from West Chester State College and was a beloved elementary school teacher in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Clinton, New Jersey areas. She served as a city council member in Clinton from 1977 until 1979, when she moved to Baltimore, Maryland. While in Baltimore, Ellen served as the Conservation Division Secretary for the Walters Art Museum and retired in 1992. During this period, she earned a master's degree in the humanities from Johns Hopkins University.

In 1949, she married Dan Dewi Williams, who died in 1979. The couple had three daughters, and Ellen lived to see each of them married and to know eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Ellen was a fully engaged community member. For instance, she served as an officer in the PTA in Whitehall, Pennsylvania and was chairman of the Children's Health Association fundraising ball

in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. At Broadmead in Cockeysville, Maryland, where she lived during the last ten years of her life, she served on the Resident Advisory Board, volunteered at many Barn Sales, worked in the Country Store, occasionally played the piano for Sunday services, helped arrange a tour of Baltimore area churches, and participated in many other activities. As throughout her life, Ellen loved travel, attending plays, concerts, and opera-at-the-movies with her family and friends.