

# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

## *Marian J. O'Neil*

Sunrise: January 9, 1933

Sunset: April 11, 2024

Salem United Methodist Church  
April 27, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

\*You are invited to stand with heart and/or posture

Gathering Music Mark Hurley

Welcome Pastor Stacey Nickerson

Word of Grace

\*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #89

Unison Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together...

**Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for Marian, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your everlasting peace. Let your perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home, a home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSV)

Scripture Reading John 14:1-7, 18-19 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Hymn "In the Garden" #314

Words of Faith and Hope

Unison Reading

Psalm 23

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

***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.***

***He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.***

***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 runneth 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.***

Words of Remembrance and Sharing of Memories

Special Music "I Can Only Imagine" Mercy Me

Prayers of Commendation and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (in unison): **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 "The Old Rugged Cross" #504

\*Benediction

Mark Hurley, Musician

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor

Thank you for coming today to celebrate Marian's life. Our church family invites you to lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Marian has gifted us with a legacy of love and faith. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Dawn and husband Louis Nearhood; sons, Stewart O'Neil, and David O'Neil and his wife Judy; 16 grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by the following loved ones: her parents, William and Margaret Bernadine (Slatzer) Obitz; husband Stewart Charles O'Neil; daughter, Janice Cogburn; son, Scott O'Neil Sr; grandchild, Scott O'Neil Jr, and brother, William Obitz.

Please continue to keep Marian's family in your prayers. May God grant comfort and strength for all who mourn.

***“Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.”***

***Matthew 5:4***