



A CELEBRATION OF REMEMBRANCE
AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Brian J. Forss

May 21, 1963 - January 21, 2023

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC, Sheboygan, WI

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GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING SENTENCES

GREETING

SONG "Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning.
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, your love never fails us, and you can turn the shadow of death into the dawn of a new day. In Jesus Christ, you have given us powerful hope. We thank you that by dying Christ has conquered death, and by rising again he brings the promise of eternity. As we celebrate the life of Brian Jeffery Forss, may we be reminded that you came to bring life - new life, abundant life, eternal life. May we be comforted in our grief, drawn together in your compassion, and strengthened for the journey, through the love of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Ps. 23, John 14-15 (selected verses)

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Brian Henry Forss, Autumn Forss, Mark Forss, Jen Forss and
Deirdre Forss

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Romans 8)

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

SONG "On Eagle's Wings" (Michael Joncas)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain

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For to His angels, He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand.

WORDS OF COMMENDATION

BENEDICTION

May you be happy.

May you be healthy.

May you be free from all danger and harm both inside and out.

May you know God's abundance.

May you live with grace, and ease, and lightness. Amen.

RECESSIONAL "Edelweiss" (Richard Rogers)

Edelweiss, Edelweiss
Ev'ry morning you greet me
Small and White
Clean and bright
You look happy to meet me
Blossom of snow may you bloom and grow
Bloom and grow forever
Edelweiss, edelweiss
Bless my homeland forever.

(Repeat)

POSTLUDE

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Minister: Rev. James Hollister
Accompanist: Bill Born AV/Livestream: Joelle Steffen

All are welcome to a reception in the Lounge following the service.

View Photos of Brian & Family At: <https://globalphotobooth.smugmug.com/Brian/>

