



Celebration of Life  
Ellen McDaniel  
August 1, 1950 – December 8, 2021



Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 3:00pm

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of life, we are surrounded by death;  
from whom can we seek help?

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God who raised Christ from the dead  
will give life to your mortal bodies  
also through the Spirit that dwells in you.

\*OPENING HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

***O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.***

***Refrain:***

***Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!***

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***When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]***

***And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]***

***When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,  
my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]***

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Lord's Prayer*

Frank Sinatra

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40

PSALM 23

CELEBRATION OF ELLEN

Mike McDaniel

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Twelfth of Never*

Johnny Mathis

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8

SERMON

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Hymn of Promise*

***In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

\*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

Rev. Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor, presiding.  
Heather Hinton, Organist

*Ellen Record McDaniel passed unexpectedly on December 8, 2021. She was born on August 1, 1950 in Indianapolis. Ellen was preceded in death by her parents Morris A. Record and Mary Alice Jay Record. She is survived by her husband of 16 years, Mike McDaniel. In addition, she is survived by her sisters Miriam Eggers (Gary), Marty Hadley (Jim), and Kay Carter (Wayne).*

*Ellen's career included work with several prominent former Indiana Republican elected officials, including House Ways and Means Chairman Rep. John Hart, Lt. Gov. John Mutz and the campaigns of Attorney General Steve Carter and Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman. She also worked in development for the Indiana Republican State Central Committee and the GEO Foundation. She was a past president of the Indiana Federation of Republican Women. Ellen was awarded the state's highest honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash, by Gov. Mike Pence.*

*Ellen loved her volunteer work at the food bank at Second Presbyterian Church and cradling babies as a nursery volunteer at St. Luke Catholic Church. She had a fondness for West Highland White Terriers. She adored her deceased "Westie" Kinsey and current four-legged family members Molly and Mac. Ellen's quick, dry wit, easy laugh and generous heart will be greatly missed by her family and friends.*

*Contributions in memory of Ellen may be made to The Arc of Indiana, 143 W. Market St. #200, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or Dollars for Scholars, MSD of Decatur Township, 5275 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46221, where Ellen's mother taught for 46 years.*

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*—North UMC Board of Directors*