

Harriet A. Becker



Born in the World February 26, 1950

Born to Eternal Life March 20, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear the promises of God:

“Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed,
for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will
help you, I will uphold you with my victorious
hand.”

- *Isaiah 41:10*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the
love of God and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray:

Almighty God, we gather together in this place
with gratitude for all the ways that you journey
with us. We give thanks for the extraordinary
blessing of *Harriet* and how *her*
love overflowed into the world. Wrap us in
your peace as we listen to the sounds of
nature, as we open ourselves to your spirit
and feel your love connecting us to creation
and all who have gone before us.

All: Amen

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

PSALM 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;
- ² he makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

RUTH 1:16-17

¹⁶But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

JOHN 14:1-3

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

REMEMBERING HARRIET

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - FROM ROMANS 8

One: Let us say again what we believe

All: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and 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.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND THANKSGIVING

We Remember her

One: At the rising of the sun and its going down,

All: we remember her.

One: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

All: we remember her.

One: At the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring,

All: we remember her.

One: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,

All: we remember her.

One: When we are lost and sick at heart,

All: we remember her.

One: When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

All: we remember her.

One: When we have achievements that are based on theirs,

All: we remember her.

As long as we live, she too will live, for she is now a part of us, as we remember her.

One: We join our hearts in prayer:

O God, our strength and our redeemer, giver of life and conqueror of death, we praise you with humble hearts. With faith in your great mercy and wisdom, we entrust Harriet to your eternal care. We praise you for your steadfast love for her all the days of her earthly life. We thank you for all that she was to those who loved her and for her faithfulness to the church of Jesus Christ. We thank you that Harriet resides where all your people gather in peace. Keep us all in communion with your faithful people in every time and place, that at last we may rejoice together in the heavenly family where Jesus Christ reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

Together we pray:

All: "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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.”

COMMITTAL

The following is proclaimed as we prepare to commit the ashes:

One: Oh God, we feel the touch of your comfort, knowing that Harriet rests peacefully. And now eternal God, who breathed into lifeless dust and brought forth Adam and Eve in your image, we return to this resting place in the earth the lifeless ashes of this your servant Harriet Becker, believing that as you raised Jesus Christ from death, you will breathe life into us again so that we may live with you forever.

PLACING OF THE URN,

Earth, receive the dust that is yours.
Heaven, receive the spirit that is yours.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

One: Almighty God, fountain of all mercy and giver of all comfort, deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn, that casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

One: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and the love of God, and of Christ Jesus our risen Savior.

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace now and forever more.

All: Amen.

Harriet A. Becker (nee Buchholz), age 75 years, of West Bend was called home to be with the Lord on March 20, 2025 at Betty's Harbor at New Perspective in West Bend.

Harriet was born on February 26, 1950 in Fond du Lac to Henry and Hilda Buchholz (nee Pahnke). She was united in marriage to James "Jim" Becker on August 16, 1991 at Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum.

Harriet worked in manufacturing and industrial sewing & embroidery. Her hobbies included a passion for the fiber arts, including quilting, knitting, and crocheting. She leaves a legendary heritage of potholders seeking beneficial use in homes throughout Wisconsin.

Those Harriet leaves behind to cherish her memory include her son, Benjamin "Ben" Giese; granddaughter, Korren Giese; and two sisters. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Harriet was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Becker; daughter, Jamie Becker; brothers, Herman Buchholz and Harland Buchholz; and sister, Hazel Buchholz.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at Betty's Harbor and Brighton Hospice for their care and compassion.

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
Peace United Church of Christ
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