A Memorial Service and the Celebration of Life **Ruth V. Baum** February 9, 1923 ~ February 23, 2021



First Presbyterian Church Olean, NY June 11, 2022

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At the request of the family, all must wear a mask.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship ~ *Matt. 11:28* Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Hymn ~ On Eagles' Wings ~ No. 43 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*)

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*) Opening Prayer

Eternal God, Your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises in scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our distress into the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

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 *debts* as we forgive our *debtors*, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David. ¹The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

John 14:1-6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Message ~ Rev. Bruce Levine

Remembrances of Ruth \sim Please come forward to the pulpit microphone to speak.

In to your hands o God we commit Ruth's spirit. Receive her with the greeting well done good and faithful servant.

Benediction

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude