

Artwork by Nara McDonald



*"Like the dancing waves in sunlight, Make me glad and free.
Like the straightness of the pine trees let me upright be."*

"God Who Touches Earth with Beauty"
Hymn by Mary S. Edgar, 1925

Service in Remembrance of and Thanksgiving for
the Life of
Jean Ackley McDonald



*"I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."*

From Hymn & Scripture "His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Words by Civilla Martin

United Church of Hinesburg
Saturday, July 20, 2024

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the Life of
Jean Ackley McDonald
1925 – 2024

[**Bold** print invites congregational participation. (*) Indicates you may stand.]

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

In each day, the goodness of God's Creation is known by those whose hearts are open to it.

When we rejoice in the beauty of our world and live in faithful relationship to it, we honor God. When we show compassion and concern for others, then we give God glory.

In each day, the grace of God's love for us is known by those whose spirits will receive it.

When we give thanks for those whose lives have touched us in love, we honor the Eternal already in us.

*Opening Hymn No. 56, v. 1 & 4 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Meditation Rev. Debbie Ingram

Assurance of Grace

Prayer Jean Taught Her Children Sue Barden

Readings

"Song of the Good Samaritan" by Eugene G. Botelho Katie Barden
"Picking Blueberries ... 1957" by Mary Oliver Althea Richardson
"The Sense of Wonder" by Rachel Carlson Sue Barden

Open Sharing

*Hymn No. 568 "'Tis a Gift to Be Simple"

Readings

"I'm Free" by Anonymous Judy Parker
"On the Death of the Beloved" by John O'Donohue Sue Barden

Open Sharing

*A Gaelic Prayer "Fashioned for Joy" No. 692

*Hymn No. 638 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Readings

"To Learn from Animal Being" by John O'Donohue Nara McDonald
"The Peace of Wild Things" by Wendell Berry Judy Parker
"When I am Among the Trees" by Mary Oliver Brendan Barden

Medley of Spirituals Led by Paul Hawkins

Prayer of Commendation

*Benediction

Postlude

Join us after the service in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

Officiant: Rev. Debbie Ingram
Accompanist: Sammy Angstman