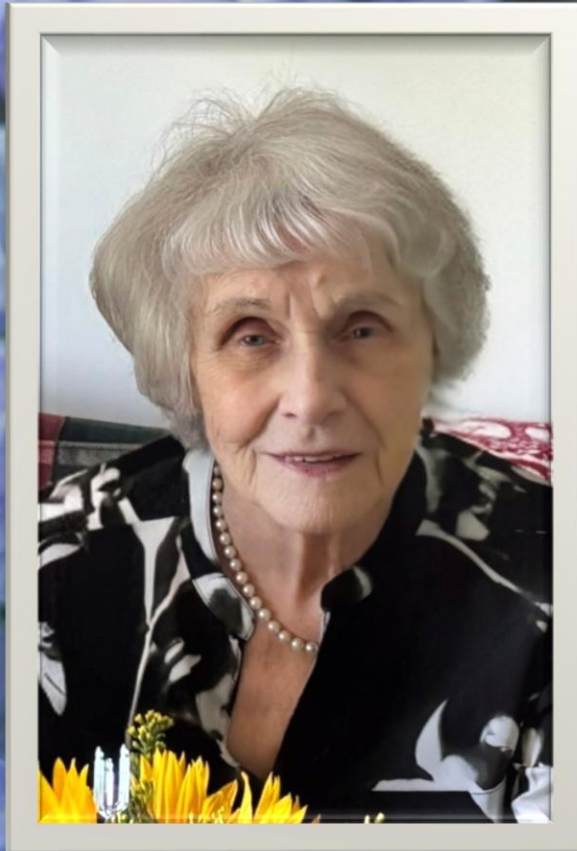


A Celebration of Life



In Loving Memory of
Dayle Langdon Cross Bird

August 14, 1936 - March 16, 2026

A Service In Witness to the Resurrection of
Dayle Langdon Cross Bird
Saturday, March 28, 10:00 AM
Downtown United Presbyterian Church
Rochester, N.Y.

Prelude	On the Sunny Side of the Street	McHugh/ Fields
	Our Love Is Here to Stay	George and Ira Gershwin
	Three Little Fishies	Saxie Dowell
	Feels So Good	Chuck Mangione

Opening Words	The Rev. Kristina Hansen
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Prayer

*Hymn	In the Garden	GARDEN
	(Music may be found on pg. 6)	

Scripture Readings	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	Dayle's Grandchildren
	Mark 12:28-31	

Prayer

Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Musical Interlude	I've Got Peace Like a River	American Negro Spiritual
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Words of Remembrance by Family and Friends Carolyn Bird, daughter
Helen Ganotis, friend and deacon
Dayle's Grandchildren
A Poem of Remembrance by Laura Taddeo, daughter-in-law

*Hymn In the Bulb there Is a Flower PROMISE
(Music may be found on pg. 7)

Words of Remembrance Sebastian Maroundit, "honorary son"

Pastor's Meditation Rev. Hansen

Song The Erie Canal Thomas S. Allen
Congregation sings: "Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal!"
Refrain: "Low bridge, everybody down,
low bridge 'cause we're comin' to a town,
and you'll always know your neighbor; you'll always know your pal
if you ever navigated on the Erie Canal."

Committal Prayer Rev. Hansen

Musical Reflection My Way Anka/Thibault
Revaux/Francois

Benediction

Postlude Tocatta, from Symphonie V Charles-Marie Widor

Following the conclusion of the postlude, everyone is invited to a reception
in the Hallock Lounge to share memories and greet the family.

*Recessional When the Saints Go Marching In Traditional

Dayle's family wishes to express their deep appreciation to each of you for your presence today. Thank you also to the Deacons of Downtown United Presbyterian Church for all their kindness.



Dayle Langdon Cross Bird

Dayle passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026, at age 89. Dayle was born August 14, 1936 in Amsterdam, NY to Langdon Charles Cross and Minnie Sophie Smith. She graduated from Amsterdam's Wilbur H. Lynch High School in 1954, then Hobart and William Smith College majoring in American Studies. After graduation, Dayle and friends toured Europe, sparking her love of travel. Dayle taught elementary school on Long Island before moving to Japan in 1960 to teach at elementary schools associated with the US Department of Defense. While there she traveled extensively throughout Japan and southeast Asia including Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong. In Tachikawa, Japan, she met Horace "Butch" Bird, a pilot in the USAF. They married in 1964 and moved to Rochester, NY in 1967. She turned her attention to homelife – raising 3 children – and to volunteering in the community: Girl Scouts, Rochester Association of the UN, Downtown United Presbyterian Church, Geva Theater, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Board of Elections, and League of Women Voters. She was passionate about Masterpiece Theater, General Hospital and books of all kinds. "War and Peace" was her favorite. After her children launched, she started her next chapter: welcoming South Sudanese Lost Boys to Rochester; championing the restoration of the Erie Canal's Henpeck Park; traveling to many places, including Ireland, Germany, Russia, China and throughout the US; joining book clubs and interfaith study groups; taking Osher classes; spending time with her grandkids; and researching her Irish, German and American roots. She had a zest for life, a curiosity about the world, a spirited personality, and a bold voice. Dayle was preceded in death by her parents; infant son Stephen Bird; sister Marilyn Cross Lyons; and husband. She is survived by daughter Pamela McDaniel (Eric); daughter Carolyn Bird (Gregg Ritter); and son Jeffrey Bird (Laura Taddeo); grandchildren: Ryan, Sophia and Jin McDaniel, Erin and Cecilia Bird Ritter, Joshua and Simon Bird; many cherished nieces and nephews; and honorary children Sebastian Maroundit, Mathon Noi, Justin Magidi, Rejoice Geatan, and Thomas Atuop. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Building Minds in South Sudan <https://www.bmiss.org/> or DUPC <https://downtownpresbyterian.org/> .





In the Garden

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I will listen to what God will say, Psalm 85:8

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a -

still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me
 round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,

Chorus

The Son of God dis - clos - es. And He walks with me, and He
 With - in my heart is ring - ing.
 His voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we

share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

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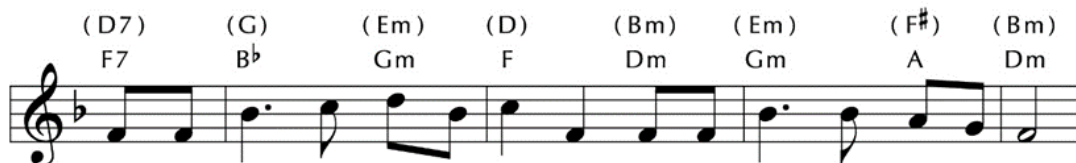
Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

Celebrants

The Rev. Kristina Hansen, Senior Pastor

Lee Wright, D.M.A., Director of Music Ministry, violin/organ/voice

Alan Jones, Associate Musician, piano/voice/guitar

John Vivattine, clarinet/saxophone

Jarett Jean Jacques, trumpet

Scott Hoffman, trombone

Patty Welch, tuba

Kristen Shiner-McGuire, drums

