

In Loving Memory

Karen E. Leonard

August 26, 1947 – October 18, 2026

Celebration of Life

October 23, 2026

Gathering Music

Greeting

Rev. Geisa Matos

***Opening Hymn - “Amazing Grace”**

UMH 378

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Dying, Christ destroyed our death.

Rising, Christ restored our life.

Christ will come again in glory.

As in baptism, Karen was placed in Christ,

So in Christ, Karen will be clothed with glory.

Here and now, we are God’s children.

What we shall be has not yet been revealed,

But we know that when Jesus appears, we shall be like him,

For we shall see him as he is.

Those who have this hope purify themselves as Christ is pure.

Amen!

Invocation (Unison)

**O Lord, God of life and death, our ever-present help when we
mourn, give us the ability in this time of sorrow to bow before you
in worship as our divine protector and source of love. Comfort**

those burdened with sorrow. Heal those who are filled with

regrets as we honor the life and memory of our sister, Karen.

Speak to us through your holy Word that we may know Jesus

Christ as the door to eternal life, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Psalm 23 (unison, on back cover)

Response to Scripture Reading

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn- “The Old Rugged Cross”**

UMH 504

Collective Eulogy

Leonard Family

Sharing Memories of Karen by Family and Friends

***Hymn- “Be Thou My Vision”**

UMH 451

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

**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 trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass 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.**

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 139:1-12

Adrianna Leonard

Response to Scripture Reading

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Words of Reflection

Prayer of Commendation

Closing Prayer (Unison)

**God of us all, your love never ends. When all else fails, you still
are God. We pray to you for one another, in our need, and for
all, anywhere, who mourn with us this day. To those who doubt,
give light; to those who are weak, strength; to all who sorrow,
your peace. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn – “To God Be the Glory”**

UMH 98

Announcements

Benediction

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts
and minds in the love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, and the
blessings of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you
always. And God’s people say: **“Amen.”**

Closing Bell

Postlude

Today’s Service

Officiant

Rev. Geisa Matos

Guest Musician

Margaret Marshall, Leah Cole

*Please rise in body or spirit

UMH refers to The United Methodist Hymnal (blue book)

FWS refers to The Faith We Sing (black book)

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.