



I am
the Resurrection
and the Life

A Celebration of Life
Lois Lorenzo
1932-2026
Brecksville United Church of Christ
July 11, 2026 – 11:00am

Gathering Music

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today in the presence of God, holding grief and gratitude together.

People: We come to remember, to give thanks, and to entrust one beloved life to God's eternal care.

Leader: We gather as family, friends, neighbors, and community.

People: We come because love has brought us here.

Leader: She taught, in quiet and ordinary ways, that love is often served at a table, offered in a kitchen, carried in a dish, and shared until everyone has enough.

People: We give thanks for a life that made room.

Leader: In every life, there are gifts that continue beyond death.

People: We give thanks for kindness shared, wisdom offered, and love made visible.

Leader: Let this be a place for tears, gratitude, story, silence, and hope.

People: We open our hearts to the God who receives every life in love.

Leader: In grief, we remember. In gratitude, we give thanks. In hope, we trust the promise of God.

People: We rest in the mercy of God, whose love holds us now and forever.

*Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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Greeting

Opening Prayer [Unison]

God of mercy and welcome, draw near to us in this hour. Hold us in our grief, receive our gratitude, and gather our memories with love. We thank you for Lois, for the life she shared, for the love she gave, and for the room she made for others. Let this service be a place for tears, laughter, story, silence, and hope. May your love comfort us, your peace sustain us, and your promise guide us as we commend her to your eternal care. Amen.

Reading

Psalm 23

Hymn

Amazing Grace

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Reading

John 14

Homily

Statements of Life

Remembrances from family and friends

Choir Anthem

When Peace Like a River

Pastoral Prayer

The Savior's Prayer

Our Parent, who is 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.

***Hymn**

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off - To find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word - I was there to cheer you
on; You were raised to praise the living God, To whom you now
belong. If you find someone to share your time - And you join your
hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme - From dusk
'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, Complete what I've
begun. When the evening gently closes in, And you shut your weary
eyes, I'll be there as I have always been With just one more
surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude



*Following the service, the family invites all
to gather downstairs for a luncheon and to continue
sharing memories, smiles, tears, and love.*

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