

**A Celebration of Life**  
**Hugh Ernst Bushmiller**

November 21, 1927 – June 2, 2026

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
945 G Street NW, Washington, DC

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Reverie*

Claude Debussy

WELCOME & PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

\*OPENING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Nicole Cacozza

*Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Although I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil;  
For you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff—they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE

Ann Bushmiller

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Grant Anderson

*John 14:1-3, 18-19, 25-27*

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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 also be.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid."

TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE

Ellen Bushmiller

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Amelia Anderson

*2 Corinthians 4:7-11*

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE

Susan Anderson

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Lucas Cacoza

*Revelation 21:1-6*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

EULOGY

Rev. Barbara Gerlach

SLIDESHOW OF REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

**Our God, 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.**

COMMENDATION

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

\*CLOSING HYMN

"God Be With You"

BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss

POSTLUDE

*Voluntary on "Ein Feste Berg"*  
John Horman, organ

Wayne Wold

GOD

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# For the Beauty of the Earth

*St. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.*

*St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

*Refrain*

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
 3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;

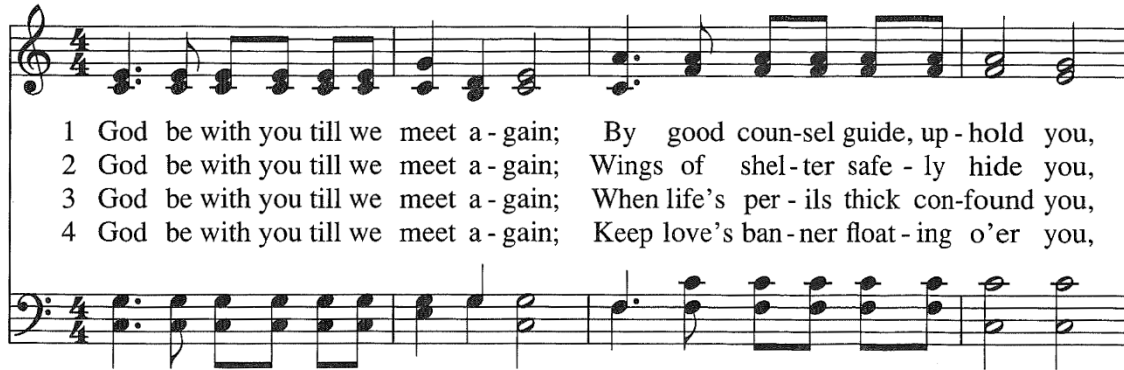
Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.  
 We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.  
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.

For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er  
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to  
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

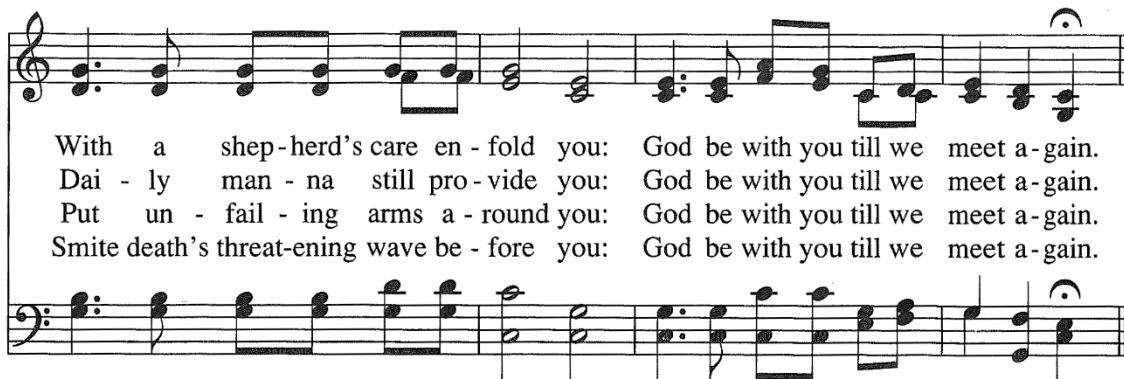
great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.  
 save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.  
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.  
 kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.

## God Be with You

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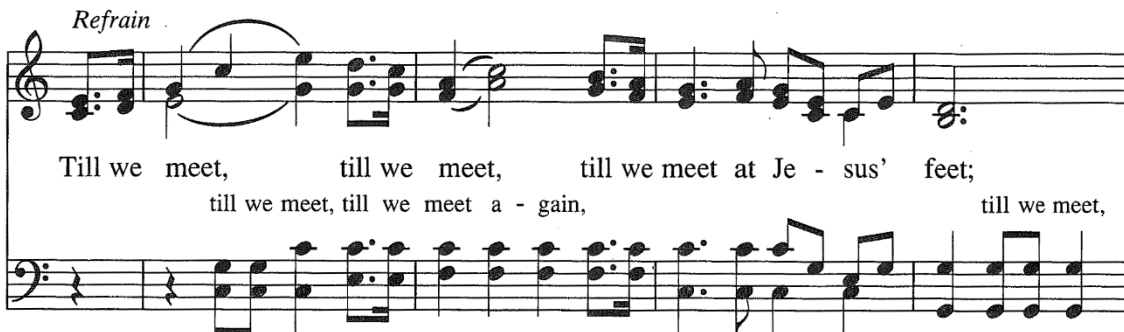
*Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.*


1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,

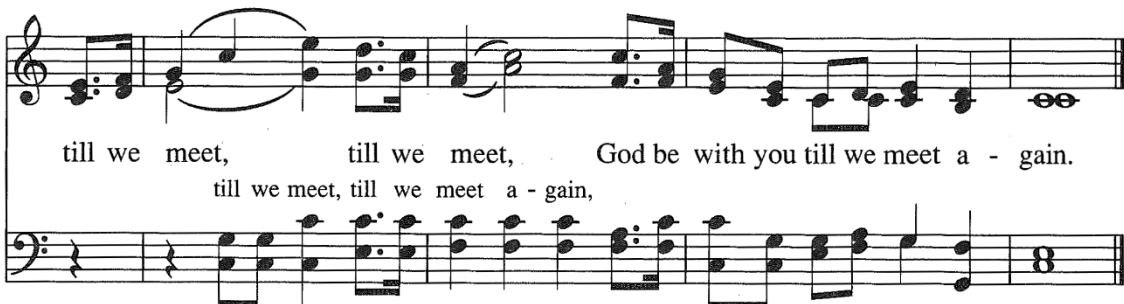


With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

**Hugh E. Bushmiller** passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 2, 2026, in North Bethesda, MD at the age of 98. He was born in St. Louis, MO, on November 21, 1927, to the late Paul Ernst and Lillian (Rippetoe) Bushmiller.

Hugh served honorably in the US Navy at the end of World War II and afterward. He then attended Boston University, obtained an associate's degree from Bentley University and went on to a full career in accounting with hospitals, law firms, and other businesses.

As an adult, Hugh was an enthusiastic and involved railfan. His interest was sparked during his daily commute on the Boston 'T'. He was a member of The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society, Chesapeake Railway Association and the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Historical Society for many years, and amassed one of the most complete collections of railroad timetables in the country. He looked forward to travelling on stretches of track that normally carried freight but were sometimes showcased for passenger use and would take along friends and family. In another travel adventure, he piled the whole family into an RV one summer and toured around the eastern half of the United States and southern Canada, visiting relatives along the way. He also loved baseball and keeping score at games. He could tell you which team won every World Series.

Hugh leaves behind four children from his first marriage – Ann Bushmiller (Al Cacozza), Paul Bushmiller, Ellen Bushmiller, and Susan Anderson (Douglas), three stepchildren – Thomas Walker (Karen), James Walker, and Martha Kwiterovich, and numerous beloved grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Virginia and only sibling, his sister Jane Petrocchi.

Donations in his memory may be made to The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society at <https://www.borhs.org/donate>. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [pumphrey@pumphreyfh.com](mailto:pumphrey@pumphreyfh.com).

**The families invite you to join them in the narthex following the service for a light reception.**