

**Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Anne B. Mayer**

November 25, 1935 – March 19, 2024

Date of Service: May 18, 2024 - 11:00 am

Prelude

Fantasy in G Minor, BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Partitas: What God Ordains is Always Good

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Adagio in G Minor

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

Greeting and Words of Grace

Opening Prayer

+Hymn *For All the Saints*

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Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures,

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will 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 will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Romans 8:37-39

John 14:1-4

+Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH #384

Remembering Anne

Ellen Mayer and Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

Special Music

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (from Cantata No. 147)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Arranged for solo piano by Myra Hess (1890-1965)

Community Remembrance

Special Music

Sonetto 104 del Petrarca

(from *Années de Pèlerinage*, Book II, Italie)

Franz Liszt

(1811-1886)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

Commendation

+Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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+Benediction

Postlude *Toccata (from Fifth Symphony)*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Northfield United Methodist Church

Pastor Rachel McIver Morey

Philip Spensley, Reader

Dr. Stephen Hamilton, Organist

Kenneth Huber, Pianist

*Immediately following the service you are invited for lunch
in the Fellowship Hall.*

Anne Brestel Mayer

Anne Mayer, 88, of Northfield, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Care Center on the Northfield Retirement Community Campus.

She was born on November 25th, 1935, in Cleveland, Ohio to Theodore Clinton Mayer and Martha Hazzard Mayer, and grew up in the suburbs of Rocky River, Ohio and Wooster, Ohio. She graduated from Wooster High School in 1953, and from the College of Wooster in 1957, where she earned her B.A. in Music, and was awarded the Presser Prize in Music. She received a Master of Music in Piano and Music Literature from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

From there Anne began her 40-year career on the music faculty at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, rising in rank to retire in an endowed professorship as the Dye Family Professor of Music. For 14 years she was co-chair of the music department. She taught courses in piano literature, fundamentals, music theory, and coached chamber music. She was active as a performer in solo recitals, as an accompanist for vocal and instrumental faculty, and in chamber music with strings and contemporary ensembles. She performed often in the Twin Cities and Duluth (where for many summers she studied with Frank Mannheimer). She was also invited to perform at many other colleges and recital halls. She was active as a judge in various music competitions.

Early in her Carleton career, she was awarded a Fulbright scholarship for a year of study in Vienna, a place she returned to often and considered as a second home. During that year, due to a strong dollar and low student prices, she was able to attend, on a standing-room basis, concerts and operas almost daily.

Anne was a lifetime member of the College Music Society, and participated in their annual meetings for many years, serving a number of terms as treasurer.

She retired from full-time teaching in 1999 and continued part-time at Carleton for several years. In addition, she served as a part-time accompanist at St. Olaf College for ten years.

Outside of musical activities and other college committees, Anne was an active member of the Northfield United Methodist Church, singing in the choir and accompanying various groups and soloists. Community activities included serving on the Northfield Human Rights Commission, Northfield Area Foundation (grants chairman), WINGS, and as a caller for American Red Cross blood drives. Her involvement with her Curves exercise friends brought her much happiness.

Travel was always an important part of her life, beginning with frequent family trips, and then later, trips with her sister Ellen to such places as Yugoslavia, Greek Islands, Portugal, and on various enjoyable cruises.

In 2017 she sold her house on Orchard Street and moved into a nearby senior housing cooperative, Kildahl Park Pointe, where she continued her music-making, played bridge every week, and served on multiple Kildahl committees.

She is survived by her sister, Ellen Mayer of Lakewood, Ohio, and preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Northfield United Methodist Church, Carleton College, or a charity of your choice.



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