

Dad's Tribute to Mom  
Proverbs 31 : 10 – 31

A good wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. (11) The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. (12) She does him good and not harm all the days of her life. *A good support especially during illness and surgeries.* (13) She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. *Gathers a variety of materials, yarn, thread, string, plastic bags and many more for her handicraft projects.* (14) She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from afar. *Has shopped in many places. In our travels and at home. Walmart, Dierbergs, Shop N Save, Schnucks, and a variety of clothing stores and shops.* (15) She rises while it is yet night *is an early riser* and provides food for her household. *Fifty years of marriage adds up to over 50,000 meals!* And tasks for her maidens. (16) She considers a field and buys it, *she picked out the lot on which our new house is built*, with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. *Not a vineyard but many many flowers and plants.* (17) She girds her loins with strength and makes her arms strong. *Has an exercise program.* (18) She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. (19) She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. *There is knitting, tatting, crocheting, sewing and a variety of other activities.* (20) She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. *Is generous in helping others. Breakfast for the homeless.* (22) She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. (24) She makes linen garments and sells them, she delivers girdles to the merchants. *In early years a great deal of sewing for herself and the children.* (25) Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. *A strong person with confidence and not afraid of the future.* (26) She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. *Has good ideas, lots of thoughts and planning. An expert in her field of education.* (27) She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. *Keeps busy, always a mother concerned for her children and grand children.* (28) Her children rise up and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praises her. (29) "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." (30) Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. (31) Have her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

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St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, IL, to Heartland Hospice  
of Fairview Heights, or another charity of your choice

*Celebrating a Life*



*In loving memory of*  
**DOROTHEA (DOTTIE) ENGELSDORFER**  
*October 25, 1930 ~ April 7, 2021*

*St. Paul United Church of Christ*  
*Belleville, Illinois*  
*May 29, 2021*

# A Service of Remembrance for Dorothea (Dottie) Engelsdorfer

Prelude *Medley of Dottie's Favorites*

Greeting and Sentences

Hymn *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Prayer

Holy God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts are not our thoughts, grant that your Holy Spirit may intercede for us with sighs too deep for human words. Heal our wounded hearts made heavy by our sorrow. Through the veil of our tears and the silence of our emptiness, assure us again that ear has not heard, nor eye seen, nor human imagination envisioned what you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

Reading of Scriptures Psalm 121 & John 8:31-32

Reflection and Obituary

Words of Remembrance by Family

Hymn *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Merciful God, we thank you for your word; it is a lamp for our feet, a light for our path. We thank you especially that in the night of our grief and in the shadows of our sorrow, we are not left to ourselves. We have the light of your promises to sustain and comfort us. Through our tears, give us vision to see in faith the consolation you intend for us. In your mercy, grant us the unfailing guidance of your saving Word, both in life and death; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

The 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 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

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Benediction

Postlude *Simple Gifts*

## Worship Leaders

Pastor - Rev. Michelle Torigian

Organist - Ms. Janet Spencer

Technical Director - John Posth

Thank you to Dr. Bill Wade and the St. Paul UCC Choir



## Face Loss with Hope

Come, let us face our loss with the ken,  
That all of life has its plan,  
of ebb and flow.

For there are moments when with joy we grow and live,  
And those as well,  
When the end comes and our time is done.

Grateful may we be for the hours spent, and the times shared. The joys  
and the sorrows whereby we have loved.

So may our grief be every tempered by the greater fact,  
That we ever possess that which we hold closely within our  
hearts.

Rev. Dr. Marvin F. Engelsdorfer, 5/26/1969  
St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois