

A SERVICE IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

MARKET SQUARE

Presbyterian Church

20 South Second Street ■ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

March 28, 2026 ■ 11:00 AM



A Service of Praise &
Thanksgiving for the
Life, Faith, & Service
of
Patty LaRue Patrick Gordon

July 14, 1946 – March 5, 2026

*A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF
RULING ELDER AND DEACON PATTY GORDON*

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dan Forrest

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

The Reverend Anne M. Ross

PRAYER

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

One: In life and death, we belong to God.

**All: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

One: Let us worship God!

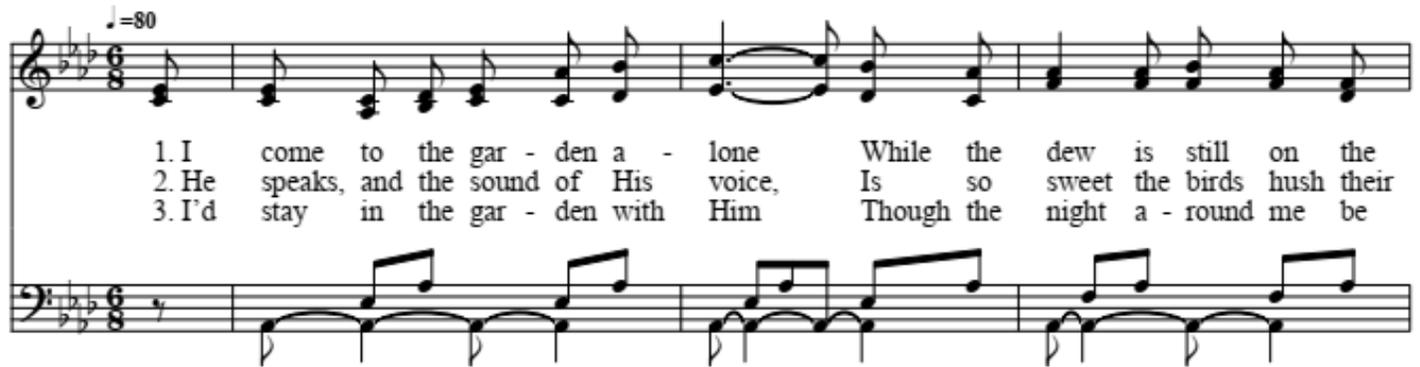
† GATHERING HYMN

In the Garden
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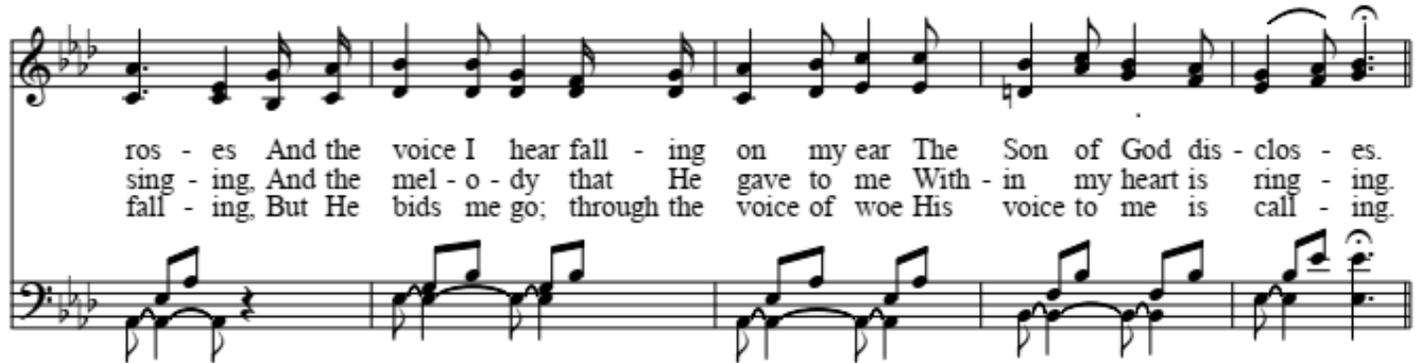
In the Garden

Charles Austin Miles, 1912

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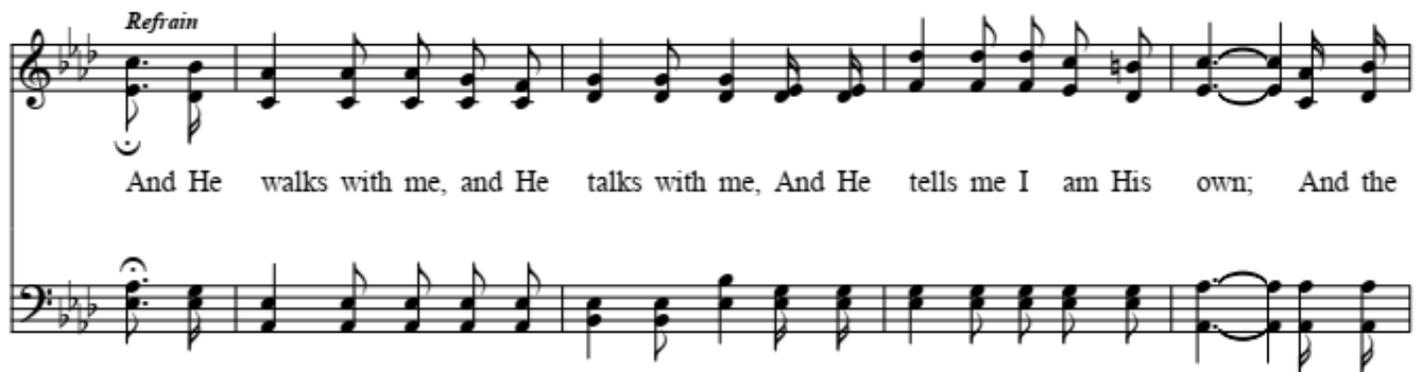


1. I come to the gar - den a - lone While the dew is still on the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice, Is so sweet the birds hush their
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a - round me be

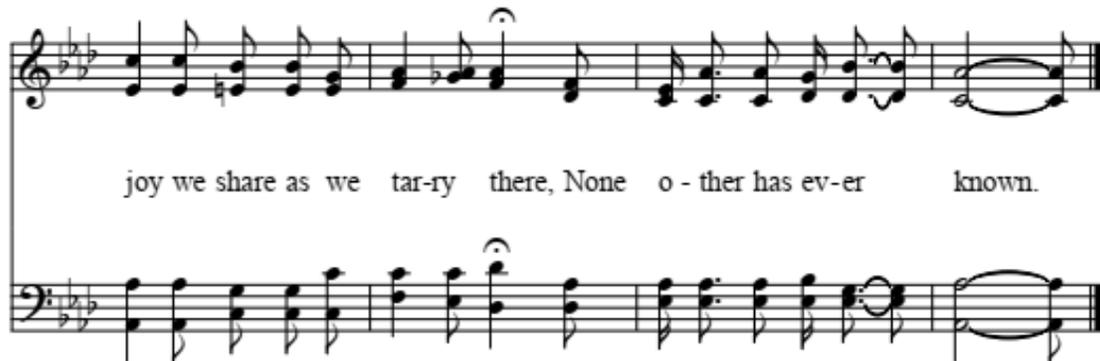


ros - es And the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear The Son of God dis - clos - es.
sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
fall - ing, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe His voice to me is call - ing.

Refrain



And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the



joy we share as we tar-ry there, None o - ther has ev - er known.

SCRIPTURE (in unison)

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 for ever.**

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8
John 14: 1-6, 25-27

MEDITATION

† RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 649

Amazing Grace

† UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Romans 14:7-9)

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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 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.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

† SENDING HYMN NO. 625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Mary McDonald

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Patty's family is deeply grateful for the kindness and comfort of your presence today. Immediately following the service, you are warmly invited to a reception in Geneva Hall, located on the fourth floor of the church. Our Board of Deacons has prepared light refreshments.

The central doctrine of the Christian faith is the resurrection. Christians confront the reality of death, with its attendant sorrow and feelings of loss as "Easter people." We grieve, but we are not without hope. Our hope is in Christ, who died, but also lives. Christians affirm that in life and death, we belong to God.

PARKING AND VALIDATION

The parking garage adjacent to the church is not owned by Market Square Presbyterian Church, but we are happy to cover the cost of parking for all who are here today.

Here is how it works: when you enter the building, please give your license plate number to the staff member you will find in our atrium. Once your plate has been validated, you are all set — simply drive up to the exit gate when you are ready to leave and it will lift automatically.

Thank you for being here to bear witness to Patty's life today.

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Patty LaRue (Patrick) Gordon

July 14, 1946 - March 5, 2026

Patty LaRue (Patrick) Gordon, age 79, of Mechanicsburg died on Thursday, March 5, 2026. Patty was born on Sunday, July 14, 1946, in Harrisburg to the late John Patrick and Kathryn LaRue (Cook) Patrick. In addition to her parents, Patty is preceded in death by five of her siblings: Kathy Howarth, Virgie Patrick, John Patrick, Gary Patrick, and George Patrick.

Patty's survivors include her three children: Russell Gordon and his wife Tracy of Lincroft, NJ, Kathryn Gordon and her husband Jon Rohrer of Camp Hill, PA, Iva Erno of Harrisburg, PA, her seven grandchildren: Sarah Pillsbury, Victoria Fontenot, Stephanie Haas, Anthony Haas, Samuel Beaver, Claire Rohrer, Sagan Rohrer; her seven great grandchildren: Viktor Patterson, Tristan Fontenot, Benjamin Fontenot, Elise Fox, Raelynn Fox, Marlee Rathfon, Kathryn Rathfon; her sister: Sally Ammerman of Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

Patty graduated from Mechanicsburg Area High School in 1965 . She proudly served her country as a Sergeant of the United States Air Force, where she met and married Steven Gordon of Wabash, Indiana. They loved traveling together, and especially loved their assignments in Charleston, South Carolina, and Washington, D.C. Steve often spoke of their adventures with fondness. As was customary at the time, Patty left the Air Force when she and Steve decided to put down roots in Newport, and start a family. They divorced in 1984, and Patty raised their 3 children as a single working mother, despite her failing health.

Patty worked for the Naval Activity Supply Depot in Mechanicsburg as a supply specialist. An underlying heart condition forced her into disability retirement, and in 2002 she received a heart transplant at Hershey Medical Center. Patty was able to watch her grandchildren grow, and have children of their own, and her family was given 23 more years with her. She was a member of Market Square Presbyterian church in Harrisburg where she served as a Deacon and an Elder, and was actively involved in their outreach programs. She valued education and literacy, libraries, public television and public radio, relying on these services as she struggled financially raising her family. She was a frequent patron of the Simpson Library where she belonged to "Tea and Stitches," which allowed her to maintain a social network when her health was failing.

Mom always made time for family, and doted especially on her seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. She was practically famous for her pies, cakes, Sunday and holiday dinners, and peanut butter Easter eggs. She took so much pride in providing these things for her family and friends, these gifts from the heart. Patty will be dearly missed by those who were fortunate enough to have known her. And if you knew her well, you know that she never stayed in a situation or a conversation longer than she wanted, "gracefully" exiting with a simple, "ok, I'm done. Kate, drive me home."

We love you Mom, and we will miss you. In the words of your mom, "watch the ice."



