

*A Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life of
Kristin Elizabeth Robertson*

May 9, 1955 – June 5, 2024



June 15, 2024
1:00PM



GREETING AND WORDS OF GRACE

HYMN 451

“Be Thou My Vision”

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM 23 (Unison)

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.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

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

my whole life long.

WITNESS TO LIFE

Becca Gordon

Eric Gordon

Kirk Robertson

Adam Gordon

MUSICAL SELECTION

“I Believe” Mark A. Miller

Kristin was a Certified Spiritual Director and helped found the FUMC Women’s Spirituality Book Group with her friend, Cheryl Bias. She was a leader on the Adult Discipleship Team and an enthusiastic participant in Tables for 8, the Epiphany Sunday School Class, and several other committees.

She was constantly entertaining guests in her home, as she enjoyed connections and making new friendships. There was never a stranger in her home—particularly around the holidays, but also just whenever she desired to entertain (again, much to the chagrin of her husband).

Kristin was an example of generosity and hospitality, giving to numerous charitable causes. In lieu of flowers or gifts, we ask instead that you do as Kristin so often did in her life and make a donation in her name to one of the many churches, liberal causes, or groups that benefit people in need that Kristin so passionately believed in. We would be grateful if you would simply let us know to whom or what cause you donate in Kristin’s name.

May her memory be a blessing.

Kristin consulted and worked for many companies before founding KR Consulting in 1998 and, eventually, Brio Leadership in 2008. She authored several business books and numerous articles in business journals.

Kristin was an avid walker, lover of nature, reader of many books, gardener, and wine connoisseur. She adored all of her dogs over the years as well as the dogs of her children (Scotty and Ira).

Kristin was always on the move (often gardening minutes before she needed to be at an appointment, to the constant chagrin of her husband Adam). Speaking of Adam, she loved her husband dearly and their love was the model that her children and others could look up to.

Kristin's love of travel took her throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and all over Europe. Everywhere she went, she enjoyed sampling the culture of the country she was in. In 2016, Kristin and her beloved daughter, Becca, walked a large portion of the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain, where they got matching tattoos.

Throughout her life, Kristin was an active member of many churches and one synagogue. While in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, she helped to found two churches. She "discovered" First United Methodist Church of Austin through her (at the time) future daughter-in-law, Victoria, who sings in the FUMC Choir. Her family thinks that it was initially the music which drew her to FUMC, but it was the welcoming church members who made it her spiritual home.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

HOMILY

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Pavane" Gabriel Fauré

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMENDATION (Unison)

**O God, all that you have given us is yours.
As first you gave Kristin to us,
now we give her back to you.
Receive her into the arms of your mercy.
Raise her up with all your people.
Receive us also and raise us into a new life.
Help us so to love and serve you in this world
that we may enter into your joy
in the world to come.**

Prayer continues...

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 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 707

“Hymn of Promise”

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

“Cantata 29: Sinfonia” Johann Sebastian Bach

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OFFICIANT

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

ORGANIST

Scott Davis

CHORAL ENSEMBLE

FUMC Choral Scholars

TRUMPET

Samuel Acosta

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All are welcome to a reception across the street in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center.

KRISTIN ELIZABETH ROBERTSON

Kristin Elizabeth Robertson passed away peacefully on June 5, 2024, surrounded by her family. She was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on May 9, 1955, to John and Jeannette Robertson. Kristin lived her life with endless enthusiasm and total loyalty to her family and everyone else whom she considered to be family (of which there were many). She will be greatly missed.

Kristin is survived by her husband, Adam Gordon, to whom she was married for 43 years; her children, Eric and Becca Robertson-Gordon; her daughter-in-law, Victoria Tijerina; and Becca’s partner, Howard Kay; her brothers, Kirk and Leigh Robertson; her sister, Carol Robertson-Plouch; and her dog, Bartok, the energetic poodle. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Jeannette Robertson.

Kristin received her undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and then completed a Master’s Degree in Music Performance in Viola from the New England Conservatory of Music. In 2015, she received another Master’s Degree in Organizational Design from Fielding University in California. Over the years, she also received multiple certificates in leadership and spiritual training that helped to further her career.

Kristin’s career started at the Bank of Boston as a computer programmer. She advanced professionally by getting in on the ground floor at Advent Software in downtown San Francisco, where her children, Eric and Becca, were born. There she was promoted to senior leadership before her work brought her family to Texas in 1995.