

**SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
AND CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF**

RUBY JEWELL BARNETT
March 20, 1943 – July 31, 2026

Prelude and Processional

"How Great Thou Art"

Words of Comfort and Resurrection

Jesus said:

*I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

John 11:25-26

The Apostle Paul declares:

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38-39

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Leader: We gather today in the presence of God to give thanks for the life of Ruby Jewell Barnett, to support one another in our grief, and to witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

People: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

People: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.**

Leader: The psalmist declares that weeping may endure for a night—

People: **But joy comes in the morning.**

Leader: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: **Let us worship God with thanksgiving, faith, and resurrection hope.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Faith *"Oh, How I Love Jesus"*
(African American Heritage Hymnal)

Hymn #291

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 91:11–16

Laurel Dockery

The Story of the Life of Ruby Jewell Barnett

Reflections from Family & Friends

Musical Solo

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord"

Gia Ware

The Gospel Reading

John 14:1–3

Rev. Lissette González Sosa

Homegoing Message

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

Final Hymn

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

Hymn #431

(African American Heritage Hymnal)

Benediction

Postlude & Processional

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Leading in Worship:

Soloist: Gia Ware

Liturgists:

Musicians: Jonathan Ware

Pastor: The Rev. Lissette González Sosa