

A Service of Life, Death and Resurrection

Joyce Opal Winebrenner

GATHERING SONG

WORD OF GRACE & GREETING Rev. Dr. Audrey Warren

PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN** Rejoice in God's Saints UMH 708

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 100 Rev. Kipp Nelson

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE BY FAMILY & FRIENDS

HYMN RESPONSE All Who Love and Serve Your City UMH 433

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46 Rev. Kipp Nelson

HOMILY Rev. Dr. Audrey Warren

RESPONSE IN SONG "Thank You" Karen Jacobs

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems

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 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.

***CLOSING HYMN** How Great Thou Art UMH 77

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Audrey Warren

POSTLUDE

Rev. Dr. Audrey B. Warren

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems

Rev. Kipp Nelson

Megan Barrera, Soloist

Eden Marte, Pianist

Joyce Opal Winebrenner

Joyce Opal Winebrenner age 94 of Hialeah, Florida, passed away on February 15, 2024 in Miami, Florida. Graveside services will be held at a later date in the Liberty Hill Cemetery in Abbeville, Ga. Mrs. Winebrenner was born on June 21, 1929 in Rochelle, Ga. to the late Walter Colquett Embry and Francis Commella Pierce Embry. She was a homemaker and had earned an Associate's Degree. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Murray Winebrenner.

Larry and Opal met at White Temple Methodist Church in Miami, FL. Larry was visiting from his station in Key West and Opal was the church greeter for the day. They married on August 25, 1953. Through their marriage they served God in the raising of their five children. They were devoted members of First United Methodist Church of Miami. While at First Church Larry and Opal answered the call to serve a few different churches in Florida where they did so faithfully. Opal was a lover of justice and fought for equal rights for all people. Opal was one of five United Methodist Women who would often bring up issues of justice at the Methodist Annual Conference. Their group became known as the "Miami Mafia."

Opal served the church in her leadership in the United Methodist Women, Epworth Village Retirement Community, Miami PACT as well as her leadership in her weekly Sunday School class, mid-week Prayer and Praise, a church greeter and a trusted counter. Survivors include; sons-Murray Winebrenner (Kathy), Charles Winebrenner (Cathy) and Paul Winebrenner (Connie) and daughters-Cecelia Diaz (Tom) and Karen Jacobs (Ron), 6-grandchildren and 6-great-grandchildren.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
John 14:27*

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June 21, 1929~ February 15, 2024*

Sunday, March 10, 2024, 1:00 pm
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