

The World is Against Me

'The world is against me,' he said with a sigh.
 'Somebody stops every scheme that I try.
The world has me down and it's keeping me there;
 I don't get a chance. Oh, the world is unfair!
When a fellow is poor then he can't get a show;
The world is determined to keep him down low.'
'What of Abe Lincoln?' I asked. 'Would you say
 That he was much richer than you are to-day?
 He hadn't your chance of making his mark,
 And his outlook was often exceedingly dark;
Yet he clung to his purpose with courage most grim
And he got to the top. Was the world against him?'
'What of Ben Franklin? I've oft heard it said
 That many a time he went hungry to bed.
He started with nothing but courage to climb,
 But patiently struggled and waited his time.
He dangled awhile from real poverty's limb,
Yet he got to the top. Was the world against him?
'I could name you a dozen, yes, hundreds, I guess,
Of poor boys who've patiently climbed to success;
All boys who were down and who struggled alone,
 Who'd have thought themselves rich
 if your fortune they'd known;
Yet they rose in the world you're so quick to condemn,
And I'm asking you now, was the world against them?'

By Edgar Albert Guest

Celebrating the Life of

FRANCES JEWELL WATKINS DICKERSON



March 7, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Houston, Texas



Frances Dickerson
August 20, 1928 - January 26, 2022

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

*The family invites you to a reception in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following the service.*

Please silence your cell phone.

Celebration of Life

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| Prelude | | Rob Landes |
| Entry of Family | | |
| Words of Grace | | Rev. Cliff Ritter |
| Psalter Reading | Psalm 121 | David Redding |
| Solo | <i>Amazing Grace</i> Monica Griffin, soprano | AMAZING GRACE |
| Affirmation of Faith | Psalm 23 | |
| Pastor: | The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. | |
| People: | He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. | |
| Pastor: | He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. | |
| People: | 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. | |
| Pastor: | Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. | |
| People: | Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. | |
| Hymn 156 | <i>I Love to Tell the Story</i> | HANKEY |
| Celebration of Life | Susan Redding, Ryan Redding, David Redding Jackie Redding, & Lauren Redding Miller | |
| Hymn 364 | <i>Because He Lives</i> | RESURRECTION |
| Scripture Reading | Job 19:23-27 Revelation 21:1-7 | Jackie Redding Lauren Redding Miller |
| Message | Romans 8 | Cliff Ritter |
| Solo | <i>How Great Thou Art</i> | HOW GREAT THOU ART |
| Pastoral Prayer and Benediction | | |
| Postlude | | Rob Landes |