



***Participating in the service today:***

Elisabeth Edwards-Moscone, Deacon

Miriam Martinez, Deacon

Kathleen Theisen, Interim Director of Music

Christopher Anderson, Facility Manager

Rev. Jane Ellingwood, Ph.D., Interim Associate Minister

Rev. James Watson, Senior Minister

***Special note:***

*Please note that today's service is being live-streamed to the YouTube page of First Congregational Church of Ridgefield.*

*This consists of broadcasting sound from the Sanctuary as well as focused video (lectern, pulpit and front of Sanctuary) to those who are joining us remotely for the service.*

*For any questions, please contact the Rev. James Watson.*

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION  
FOR THE LIFE OF**



**CHARLES E. CREAMER**

March 29, 1939 to June 28, 2021



The First Congregational Church  
Ridgefield, Connecticut

July 2, 2021

2:00 P.M.



## MUSIC FOR REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION

**PRELUDE**     *"Intermezzo in A Major"*     by Johannes Brahms

## OPENING SENTENCES

## GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN**     *"In the Garden"*                     W&R 300, verses 1 and 3

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**   Family

**HYMN**     *"How Great Thou Art"*             W&R 51, verses 1 and 4

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**                     Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NRSV)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

**HYMN**     *"Just a Closer Walk"*             W&R 504, verses 1 and 3



## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

**SOLO**     *"Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"*  
By Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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. Amen.*

**SOLO**     *"Our Father"*                             by Don Moen

## COMMENDATION

## TOLLING OF THE BELL

*In accordance with the tradition of this church,  
the bell is rung to commemorate the  
82 years of Charlie's life.*

**HYMN**     *"Abide with Me"*                     W&R 521, verses 1, 4, and 5

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**     *"Lift High the Cross"*  
Arranged by Gordon Young