

Celebration of Life

January 6, 2024

Gathering Words

Bill Lowell

Ave Maria, Franz Schubert

Doug Goodkin

Reading

Barbara Buckley

'Tis a Fearful Thing by Rabbi Chaim Stern

'Tis a fearful thing to love what death can touch. A fearful thing to love, to hope, to dream, to be – to be, And oh, to lose. A thing for fools, this, And a holy thing, a holy thing to love. For your life has lived in me, your laugh once lifted me, your word was gift to me. To remember this brings painful joy. 'Tis a human thing, love, a holy thing, to love what death has touched.

Reflection on Ron

Richard Falls

Multimedia Offering

Carolyn Eidson



Reading Dennis Edelman

"High Flight" by John Gillespie Magee

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds,—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace Where never lark nor ever eagle flew—And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod The high untrespassed sanctity of space, Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

"Embraceable You" by George Gershwin Doug Goodkin

Sharing by those Gathered Marc Minardi

Closing Words Bill Lowell



All invited to reception immediately following service in the Fireside Room

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