

## Bobbi Templeton's Obituary

Barbara J. Templeton passed away on October 18, 2021 at the age of 74. Barbara (Bobbi) formerly a resident of Philadelphia PA and Westmont NJ, daughter of James and Jacqueline Mickle.

She is survived by her loving husband Donald Templeton and her two sons Scott Shotwell (Jennifer) and Anthony SanFelice (Melissa). She will be missed by her 5 grandchildren Jessica Pieretti (Joe), Elizabeth Evalt (Adam), Sarah Shotwell, Aryn Young, and Aislyn SanFelice. She was also the great-grandmother of Lena and Jeremiah Pieretti. She will also be missed by her cousins and their families, who have celebrated every holiday, vacations, birthdays, and family events together.

Bobbi enjoyed being the secretary to the Chaplin at Parx Racetrack where she loved meeting people and helping them get settled. Once retired she enjoyed being a Mission Volunteer with the United Methodist Nomads repairing homes, churches, and even campgrounds. Bobbi and Don traveled in their mobile home with other Nomads and also found a home away from home at Faith United Methodist Church in Jacksonville Florida. Her family was always prepared for stories of the other volunteers, her favorite cats at the church (and which ones she wants to bring back) and Pastor Barry Andrews. We always appreciated the love and care they were shown by everyone at Faith UMC.

There will be a private celebration of her life for family and friends on: Saturday, October 23rd 2021 from 1-5pm.

In lieu of flowers, Bobbi would prefer a donation in her memory to Faith United Methodist Church.

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October 31, 2021

### Psalm 146: 1-10

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the LORD their God,**

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
**who keeps faith for ever;**

<sup>7</sup> **who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
**and upholds the widow and the orphan,  
but the Lord brings the way of the wicked to ruin.**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

**Praise the LORD!**

## St. John 3: 1-16

<sup>1</sup> There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? <sup>11</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

## Grace Greater than Our Sin

Julia Harriette Johnston (1849-1919) was the daughter of a Presbyterian minister who served First Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL where she lived from the age of 6. She was faithful to the ministries of the church, serving as a Sunday school superintendent and teacher for 41 years. She was also president for two decades of the Presbyterian Missionary Society, an organization founded by her mother. She wrote about 500 hymn texts; today her reputation rests primarily upon the hymn “Grace Greater than Our Sin.”

The writer contrasts the theme of God’s abundant grace—manifest through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross—with “our sin and our guilt” (stanza one), “sin and despair” (stanza two), and a “dark . . . stain” (stanza three). This “marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe,” finds a scriptural basis in Paul’s teaching of justification by faith in Romans 5:1-2.

The text and tune of the hymn first appeared in *Hymns Tried and True*, a 1911 collection by composer Daniel B. Towner (1850-1919). According to UM Hymnal editor Carlton Young, Towner was “a distinguished Methodist musician.” He served in Methodist Episcopal churches in New York, Ohio and Kentucky. In 1893 he was named head of the music department at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, working with the famous evangelist Dwight L. Moody. Dr. Young notes that Towner “composed over 2,000 songs and was associated with the publication of fourteen collections.”

Baptist hymnologist William J. Reynolds noted that the name MOODY was given to this tune in recognition of Towner’s association with and service to Moody Bible Institute and its founder.

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