

Celebrating the life of  
*Audrey M. Ayres*  
December 21, 1922 - May 21, 2008



Wesley United Methodist Church  
Naperville, Illinois  
June 21, 2008

*A Service to Celebrate the Life of  
Audrey Marion (Grossmann) Ayres*

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*June 21, 2008 ~ 3:00 pm*

*\*Stand, as you are able.*

**Prelude**                      *"Jesu, Joy of Man Desiring"*                      Barry Riskedal,  
organist

**\*Greeting (Responsively)**

**Leader:** Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of Audrey Ayres.

**People:** We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, in death resurrection.

**\*Hymn**    *"O' For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"*    # 57 UM Hymnal  
(Verses 1, 2 & 5)

**First Reading**                      Psalm 146                      *Alice Baumbach*

**\*Hymn**                      *"O' Christ The Healer"*                      #265 UM Hymnal  
(Verses 1, 4 & 5)

**Second Reading**                      Matthew 6: 19 – 21, 24                      *Peter Ayres*

**\*Hymn**                      *"Hymn of Promise"*                      #707 UM Hymnal

**Reflections**                      *Carol Pierce – Institute of Cultural Affairs*  
*Ruth Carter/ Patricia Turner – 5th City Pre-School*

**Solo**    *"Bird's Song (Pilgrim's Progress #7)"* (Ralph Vaughn Williams)  
*Kerry Ayres, Soprano*  
*Erin Pettitt, Accompanist*

## Reflections

*Andre DaCosta  
Martha Garcia*

**Solo**      *"Requiem For Those Left Behind"*      (Michael Ayres)  
for Audrey Ayres

And Make His Face to Shine Upon You

Elysian Fields

Metamorphosis

In A Silent Way

(Joe Zawinul)

*Michael Ayres*

## Reflection

*Rev. Reed*

## Words of Commendation

### \*Closing Prayer

(William Penn)

Leader: We give back to you, O God,  
those whom you gave to us.

People: You did not lose them  
when you gave them to us,  
and we do not lose them by their return to you.

Leader: Your dear Son has taught us that life eternal  
and love cannot die.

People: Death is only a horizon,  
and a horizon is only the limit of our sight.

Leader: Open our eyes to see more clearly,  
and draw us closer to you,

People: that we may know we are nearer to our loved  
ones who are with you.

*All: You have told us that you are preparing a place  
for us; prepare us also for that happy place,  
that where you are we may also be always,  
O dear Lord of life and death. Amen.*

### \*Hymn

*"Obedience"*

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Tune #633 Joyful, Joyful – Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

### \* Postlude

## OBEDIENCE

*Tune: from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (Joyful, Joyful...)*

### Verse 1

Come all spirits  
Roaming freely  
Bind your will in  
Common thrust

Stand beneath the  
Gaze of neighbor  
Ready to obey  
Their trust

Take within yourself  
The burden  
Peace on earth,  
Good will to men

All the world is  
Now your parish  
Every spirit  
Yours to win.

### Verse 3

Heed the cries that  
Sound your passion  
Bleed with every  
Struggling one

Will that you might  
Live to free them  
Speak the Word, the  
Deed be done

Launch with those who  
Share the vision  
To expand man's  
Destiny

In the life that's  
Born of drowning  
Sail with friends who  
Wage the sea.

### Verse 2

Let the light that  
Fights with darkness  
Show your rights and  
Everyman's

Place your share  
Upon the altar  
Burn it at the  
Lord's command

Speak with lightning  
When the shadows  
Blind the eyes of  
Those you love

Never let the  
Clouds of winning  
Block the glorious  
Sun above.

### Verse 4

Live your life  
Before the calling  
To discern the  
Will of God

Each man of the  
Globe your brother  
Each demand a  
Weight and rod

Choose to follow  
On the ascending  
Know that alone to  
Be your way

Then join hands  
Beyond the border  
With the Saints in  
Bright array.

## POVERTY

*Tune: from Brahms' First Symphony, Fourth Movement*

### Verse 1

Come walk with Francis  
Like him you'll  
Naked die

Free all you now cherish  
For time soon will  
Pass you by

If you would do something  
Then be God's nothing  
Be the Lord's fool and fife

In holding to naught  
There the secret is found  
You are wealth when  
not by wealth

### Verse 3

Drawn too by surety?  
Living is to  
Be unsure

So poor your life wholly  
Each burden you  
Will endure

Abound with Paul and  
Run the race and  
In fullness there abase

In all that you do  
Make this your song  
That all earth to all men

### Verse 2

Bound too by fame? then  
You must leap  
O'er that shoal

Your calling's been written  
Upon the  
Ages' scroll

The mass of most men  
Laugh and don't listen  
Say that you've failed,  
gone mad

Yet when all seems wrong  
You wink and appear gone  
Lo, the Lord's new face is

### Verse 4

Belong in the tension  
Where life and  
Death contend

As bridge to the future  
Burn out the flesh  
Time did lend

If holiness binds you  
Leave it behind you  
Such vestments you  
must rend

The only defense  
In the battle that's won  
Is life in depth,  
the kingdom





