

Franciscan Blessing

Attributed to Sister Ruth Marlene Fox, 1895

May God bless you with discomfort...

Discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships,
Discomfort, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger...

Anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
Anger, so that you will work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears...

Tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, starvation and war,
Tears, so that you will reach out to comfort them
And turn their pain into joy.

And, may God bless you with foolishness...

Foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
Foolishness, so that you will do what others claim cannot be done.

Amen.

Donations in Nancy's memory may be made to the following organizations
Nancy was a passionate supporter of:

Helping Haitian Angels: www.helpinghaitianangels.org

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries: www.wfcmva.org



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NANCY STIVERS ROWLAND

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021
10:00 AM

CENTREVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
NANCY ROWLAND

DECEMBER 10, 2021

Prelude *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. Powell

Gathering

Word of Grace

Greeting

*Opening Hymn *Blessed Assurance* Hymnal No. 369

Prayer (In Unison)

Eternal God,

**We praise You for the great company of all those who have
finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor.**

**We praise You for those dear to us
whom we name in our hearts before You.**

**Especially we praise You for Nancy Rowland, whom You have
so graciously received into Your presence.**

To all of these, grant Your peace.

Let perpetual light shine upon them;

and help us so to believe where we have not seen,

that Your presence may lead us through our years,

and bring us at last with them

into the joy of Your home

not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Micah 6:6-8 Pew Bible OT Pg. 866

*Psalter Reading Psalm 121 Hymnal No. 844

*Gospel Lesson John 14 (*selected verses*) Pew Bible NT Pg. 108

Homily Rev. Will Montgomery

Witness Shannon Rowland
Barb Shaiko

*Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Hymnal No. 474

Prayer of Commendation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**

*Closing Hymn *It Is Well with My Soul* Hymnal No. 377

Benediction

Postlude *Here I Am, Lord* arr. David

Participating in the Service:

Rev. Will Montgomery, Officiant

Rev. Marti Ringenbach, Officiant

Becky Jackson, Organist

* Please stand as you are able.