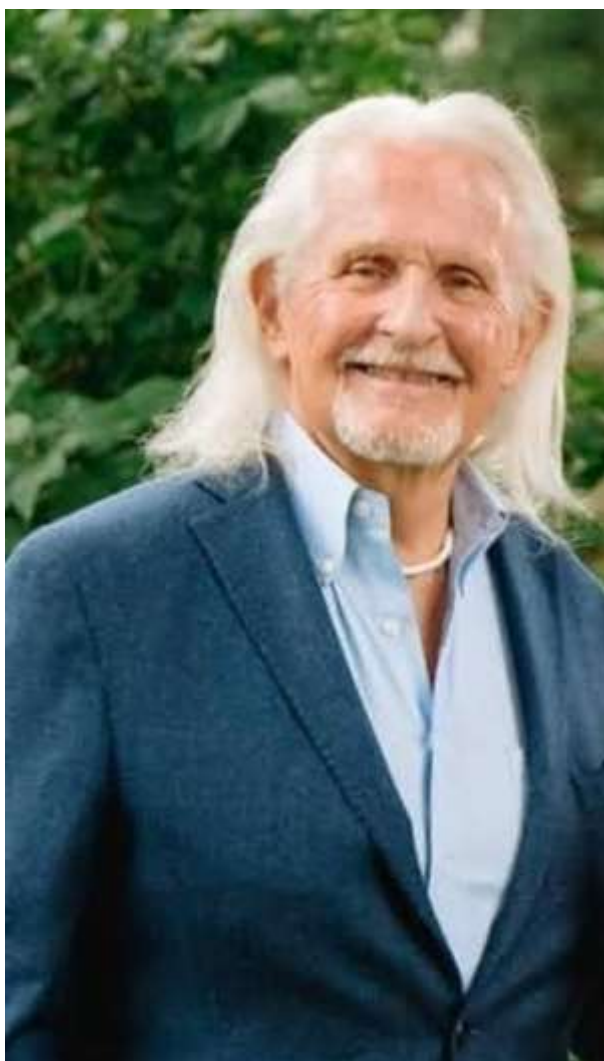


**A Service of Celebration and Remembrance
for the life of
THE REVEREND DR.
GERALD C. HANBERRY**



**Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ
Frederick, Maryland**

**June 15, 2024
1:00 PM**

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal

*All who are able may stand

PRELUDE

Dr. William D. Powell III

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Friends, we are gathered here . . .

Gracious is our God and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

All: I will walk in the presence of God in the land of the living.

Pastor: I will fulfill my vows to God in the presence of all God's people.

All: Precious in the sight of God is the death of those who die in faithfulness.

*OPENING HYMN

Be Now My Vision

#451

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, whose will is sovereign and whose mercy is boundless, look upon us in our sorrow, and enable us to hear your Word, that we, through patience and the encouragement of the scriptures, may hold fast to the assurance of your favor and hope of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURES

Gerry's Family

Psalm 139: 1-12

Micah 6: 6-8

James 2: 14-17

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Rev. Dr. Sidney Fowler

The Rev. Freeman L. Palmer

Shaem Spencer, on behalf of Gerry's children

***HYMN**

Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor

#590

MEDITATION

The Rev. Mark Wakefield

READINGS FROM MARY OLIVER

Sarah Dolan

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***COMMENDATION**

The Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice

***BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan

***CLOSING HYMN**

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

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***POSTLUDE**

Ms. Alison E. Shafer



The family thanks all of you very much for your expressions of sympathy and support during this time of sorrow and grief.

Following the service, you are invited to join family and friends in the ERUCC Community Room for refreshments and fellowship.

In Blackwater Woods

By Mary Oliver

Look, the trees
are turning
their own bodies
into pillars
of light,
are giving off the rich
fragrance of cinnamon
and fulfillment,
the long tapers
of cattails
are bursting and floating away over
the blue shoulders
of the ponds,
and every pond,
no matter what its
name is, is
nameless now.
Every year
everything
I have ever learned
in my lifetime
leads back to this: the fires
and the black river of loss
whose other side
is salvation,
whose meaning
none of us will ever know.
To live in this world
you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it
against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go.

Service Notes

- Officiating Pastor: **Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan**
Interim Senior Pastor, Evangelical Reformed UCC
- Eulogist: **Rev. Mark Wakefield**
Former Pastor, Christ Reformed UCC Middletown, Maryland
- Organists: **Dr. William D. Powell III**
Director of Music and Organist, Glade UCC
- Ms. Alison E. Shafer**
Director of Music and Organist, Evangelical Reformed UCC
- Participating Clergy: **Rev. Dr. Sidney Fowler**
Pastor, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Freeman L. Palmer**
Conference Minister
Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ
- Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg**
Retired Pastor, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice**
Associate Conference Minister
Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ
- Coordinator: **Tyler L. York**
Office Administrator, Evangelical Reformed UCC

