

Jean Elizabeth Sheldon

Hymn Prayer Book

**Prelude**  
Spoken Anthem (all stand) 469

**207 Opening Hymn** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

The Collect 470

**Homecoming Poem** *written and read by Cynthia Scotkin*  
Have we not all stared through the blizzards rage,  
With tired and slitted eyes searched for the glow  
Of candles burning through a pane we know,  
How many miles to travel, none can gauge.  
We wrapped ourselves in thoughts which seemed quite sage  
To brave into the storm that would not show  
A path through darkest fears where we must go  
Those frigid forests where we come of age.  
We tripped on roots, fell hard, near froze in place.  
Our lonely journey home seemed hopeless when  
We saw through frozen eyes another face  
And tiny sparks erupted in our soul.  
Bright flames of love and care have grown since then,  
They guide us home at last, that glorious place,  
Together loved and welcomed, we are whole.

**680 Hymn** *O God Our Help In Ages Past*

**A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes**  
For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every purpose under heaven  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
A time to plant and time to pluck up what is planted  
A time to kill and a time to heal;  
A time to break down, and a time to build up  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;  
A time for war and a time for peace.  
*Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God*

**Song** *Halleluia (sung by Keturah Burgess)*

**Psalm 23**  
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Hymn** *Amazing Grace (sung by Jen Wrye)*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

*People: Glory be to thee, O Lord (remain standing)*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*Reader: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise be to thee, O Christ*

**Remembrances** *(the congregation may be seated)* Brie Ford

**Homily** Rev. Virginia Army

**Prayers** 480

**The children's creed:** I believe in God above , I believe in Jesus's love,  
I believe his spirit too, Comes to teach me what to do.  
I believe that I may be, Kind and loving, Lord, like thee. Amen

**The Commendation** 482

Refrain (said together) *Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

**The Blessing**

**562 Recessional Hymn** *Onward Christian Soldiers*

### **Postlude**

*Many thanks to the Altar Guild and our organist, Dennis Patton, for their help. A reception will be held after the service in the Great Hall. Then please join the family in Hanover, CT for further fellowship.*

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn left out of the church parking lot (puts you on RTE 169S) Keep on 169S where you will turn RIGHT onto KINSMAN HILL RD go about 1.2 miles and turn RIGHT onto ISLAND RD for about 1 mile and keep LEFT onto POTASH HILL RD. Continue on Potash Rd until BALTIC HANOVER RD then turn RIGHT and stay on Baltic Hanover Rd until you see PARKWOOD RD and turn RIGHT onto that and 2 Parkwood Rd should be on your right. **GPS users please note you may have to use BALTIC CT 06330 for address.**

**Jean N. Sheldon**, 87, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2015 surrounded by her family. She was one of eight children born to the late George and Mildred (Cole) Newman in Warwick, RI, on December 7, 1927.

Jean graduated from Coventry High School and lived most her life in Foster, RI before moving to Putnam in 1987 after marrying Richard Sheldon on April 11<sup>th</sup>. She was a wonderful and forgiving mother and lifelong friend who will be greatly missed. Jean was a 51 year cancer survivor, who lived her life to the fullest and gave back to the community as a volunteer at Day Kimball Hospital and to the people of Foster by being Rhode Island's first female EMT and first to head up the Foster Ambulance Corps. She was a member of the Royal Travelers and Red Hat Society, an avid reader and cutthroat scrabble player.

Jean is survived by her daughters; Laurie Goyette of Dayville, Cynthia Scotkin of St. Petersburg, FL, Janice Knipe of Putnam, Luann Turner of Danielson, Meredith Kertula of Pomfret, Jon Ford of Hanover with whom she spent her last weeks with, brothers; George Newman, Burke Pray, Lee Niles, 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and longtime companion and dance partner Clifford Buttermark. She was predeceased by her husband Richard Sheldon, her son David Shippee and her sisters, Patricia Coyle, Shirley St. Germaine, Virginia Lawton and Jo-an Pray.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Donations in Jean's name may be made to Camp Quinebaug in loving honor of Ron, Lolita and Monika Babiarez or to Hospice of SECT.

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# *In Celebration of the Life of Jean Elizabeth Sheldon*

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*Christ Church*

*Pomfret, Connecticut*