

A Memorial Service
of Witness to the Resurrection
In Loving Memory of

Mary Trenchard Timmons

September 22, 1906 - May 5, 2007



Thursday, May 31, 2007
Eleven-Thirty O'Clock, A.M.

Covenant Presbyterian Church (USA)
230 East Jefferson Street, Butler, Pennsylvania

The Order of Worship

Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson, Pastor
Ms. Paula Tuttle, Cellist

THE CELLO PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **Who made heaven and earth.**
Pastor: Praise the Lord!
People: **The Lord's name be praised!**
Pastor: God will not leave us alone and without comfort.
People: **God will make a straight path in which we will not stumble.**
God will raise us up with all the saints.
Pastor: Praise the Lord our God, the Almighty!
People: **The Lord's name be praised! Let us worship God.**

THE GREETING AND OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

THE OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Show us now your grace, that as we face the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity.

Speak to us once more your message of hope and salvation. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are ended, grant us the victory won by your servant, Mary, so that living or dying, our life, like hers, may be in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of God's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as God's divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the reign of God may come upon the earth.

Glory be to the immortal and all-wise God, in whom we have had our birth, in whose care we are constantly kept, and unto whom we shall return when our days on earth are ended. Amen.

THE PASTORAL MEDITATION

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

*THE LITANY OF COMMITTAL

Pastor: O Lord: support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life over, and our work is done.

People: **In your great mercy, grant unto those whom you love a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.**

Pastor: O God: you have designed this wonderful world, and know all things good for us. Give us such faith that, by day and by night, in all seasons and in all places, we may without fear surrender those who are dear to us into your never-failing love, in this life and in the life to come.

People: **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.**

Pastor: Now, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, dear Savior, we commend unto you our loved one, Mary Trenchard Timmons. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

People: **Receive her into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of all the saints in light.**

Pastor: O Lord, let now your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

People: **Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant, Mary.**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

*AN INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

*THE BENEDICTION

*A TIME OF SILENCE & WORDS OF DISMISSAL

*THE CELLO POSTLUDE

Thank-You for Your Presence Here Today!

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Mary Timmons' family invites you to join them for

*a time of fellowship and refreshment
at the Butler Country Club...*

DIRECTIONS:

Proceed on Jefferson Street west to Main Street, then
Turn Left and follow Route 8 through town;
Stay on Route 8 and travel South about 4-5 miles,
then turn Right on Airport Road,
½ mile later turn Right onto Country Club Road
(almost directly across from the Fire Hall)

A LIFE TO CELEBRATE & REMEMBER

Mary Trenchard Timmons was born on September 22, 1906 in DeLand, Illinois, the daughter of Lucy Thornton and George R. Trenchard. She graduated from DeLand High School in 1924 and Dana Hall School, Wellesley, Massachusetts in 1925. Mary received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois in 1929, and then served for a time as assistant dean of women.

She married Ray H. Timmons, who died in 1978. Together they raised a daughter and a son, both of whom survive her: Mary Ellen Emerson (husband, Mark) of New York City; and George T. Timmons (wife, Susan, of Monticello, Illinois). Also surviving are three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mary was an active and energetic member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, attending weekly Prayer Cordon meetings and Sunday worship services well into her late nineties. Also active in civic and community groups, she served on the board of the Presbyterian SeniorCare in Oakmont and enjoyed membership in the Literary Club of Butler and the Butler Garden Club.

Having witnessed a full century of change and yet firmly committed to the constancy of family, faith and friendships, Mary died on Saturday, May 5, 2007 following several months of ill health and confinement to her Pennsylvania home, Windy Knoll.

Mary's final resting place will be in DeLand, Illinois, where her life's journey comes full-circle to the beloved farmland of her birth. She made a home wherever her heart led her to live and to love. We bid not "good-bye," but "farewell 'til we meet again" to our sister in the Lord, Mary Timmons. May she rest in the fullness of God's eternal peace.

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

Verse 2 and Chorus of a hymn by Thomas Chisholm (1954)