

# *Celebration of Life*



*Lea Ann Walker*

*May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1943 – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

*Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, 2:00 p.m.*

*Pacific Beach United Methodist Church*

## Lea Ann Walker - A Life of Love and Service

With deep sorrow but also with great thankfulness for her remarkable life we announce the passing of Lea Ann Walker on Saturday January 4, 2025 at the Scripps Memorial Hospital ICU in San Diego, CA. Lea Ann was born in Enid, OK on May 11, 1943 and lived in Enid until 1961. She married her husband Patrick Walker in November of 1962 while they were students at Oklahoma State and the University of Oklahoma. The times were uncertain because of the Cuban missile crisis and the threat of nuclear war. But Lea Ann and Pat believed instead that it was the right time to begin a marriage. The following 22 years included moving the family 17 times all over the world as Pat served in the US Army. In 1966, Lea Ann gave birth to son Chris Walker in Frankfurt, Germany. Daughter Melissa was born at Fort Sill, OK in 1969.

Throughout her life as a military family member, Lea Ann worked tirelessly to improve the lives of all service families. She was largely responsible for leading the military to change from referring to family members as dependents. Now military family members are important team members in service to the nation. Lea Ann's contributions to this policy change were recognized and praised by all the Personnel Departments of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In civilian life, Lea Ann continued to volunteer and lead church and civic groups in San Diego.

Lea Ann was also a gifted musician and started and led many choirs in both military and civilian communities. After the family moved to San Diego in 1984, Lea Ann and Pat joined the San Diego Master Chorale and Lea Ann later became the president of their board of directors for two terms. She also did solo and small group singing with the chorale and several churches in the area and was head of the Choral Conductors Guild in San Diego. In 1990 Lea Ann changed her music arranging and ghostwriting business to a family partnership video production company recording the performing arts. In 1998 Walker Vision Interarts was chosen as the on-screen video producer for the San Diego Symphony. For the next 17 years, all of the SDSO pop series concerts were performed with video images shot and live edited by Lea Ann and her family. She met and worked closely with management, musicians and stage workers on program concerts. It was a joyful time.

From 2015 through 2024 she continued to live joyfully singing and volunteering with the Pacific Coast Chorale and the choir at Pacific Beach United Methodist Church. Lea Ann and Pat celebrated their 62nd year of marriage on November 23, 2024. Her love of music and celebration of special holiday dress-ups and care for plants and flowers brought smiles and light to so many who knew her. Her great spirit and lovely voice will be missed. But her love and the light she shined will continue to brighten the hearts of all she touched.



Prelude

Rodney Girvin, Ron Jessee

Welcome and Words of Grace

Rev. Lori Leopold

Anthem

“My Strength Comes from the Lord”

Voices of Praise

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott

Hymn #89

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Vs 1,2 & 4

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o’er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 108:1-4

Remembrances

Songs of Joy and Remembrance

Pacific Coast Chorale

Homily

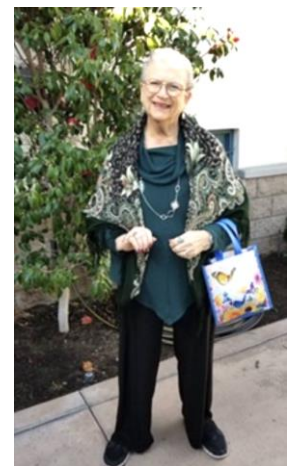
Hymn #707

“Hymn of Promise”

**In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody:  
There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**



## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

### 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Closing Remarks

Anthem

"Bye and Bye"

Voices of Praise

Benediction

Postlude

"The Heavens Are Telling"

***Please join the family for a reception immediately following the service in Hughes Hall.***

***In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations in Lea Ann's memory to be given to the charity of your choice to help victims of the Los Angeles area fires.***



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Participants in today's service:

Pastors: Rev. Lori Leopold, PB UMC, lead pastor, and Rev. Dan Meyer-Abbott

Music Director/Organist: Ron Jessee

Pianist: Rodney Girvin

Song leader: Louis Perez

Technical Support: Mark Berry, Michael Beu, Doc Nelson, Craig Roberts, Bruce Trumbo

Reception Coordinator: Malea Sandstrom