

*A Service of Death and Resurrection
Celebrating the Life of The Reverend Susan Clayton Lindblade*

Sharon United Methodist Church
Poplar Branch, North Carolina
March 16, 2024
2:00 PM
The Order of Worship

Prelude Anita Cotton

Words of Grace and Greeting The Rev. Dr. Arthur Wall

*Hymn *For All the Saints* No. 711

Reflections about Pastor Susan's Ministry The Reverend Jon Strother
Beacon District Superintendent

Pastoral Prayer and 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.*

*Hymn *O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go* No. 480

Words of Remembrance Eric A. Lindblade

Scripture Lessons Arthur Wall

Meditation

*Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* No. 327

*Benediction

Postlude Anita Cotton

The Lindblade Family thanks all for your attendance today and for the many acts of grace and kindness they have been given. All are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service.

About Hymn 480... George Matheson was a famous Anglican Church leader and hymn writer in the 19th Century. As a young man engaged to be married he found out that he was going blind. Upon finding this out, his fiancée broke off the engagement. In response, Matheson wrote this hymn expressing his faith that even as his "flickering torch" was soon to go out, and even in the midst of the loss of his fiancée's love, the love of Christ indeed would not let him go.



Susan and Eric in New York Last Month

The Reverend Susan Clayton Lindblade died on Sunday March 10, her 45th wedding anniversary, while getting ready to lead worship at Sharon United Methodist Church, where she was serving as pastor. Susan officially retired as a pastor in 2017 as Senior Pastor at North Raleigh UMC, but in 2022 returned to the pastorate to lead Sharon UMC.

Susan was born on July 28, 1955 in Miami, Florida and is survived by her husband, the Reverend Eric N. Lindblade, Jr. of Edenton; by their son, Eric A. Lindblade, a Licensed Battlefield Guide in Gettysburg, PA and his wife Renee; by many beloved cousins; and her friend, Linda Strickland, along with countless other friends.

She also included Eric's family as her own and especially enjoyed a family reunion in New York City last month with Eric's brother Carl, his sister, Marian Gowan, and her husband, Bill.

Susan had a special passion for mission, leading teams in Honduras, Haiti, and, after Hurricane Katrina, Mississippi. She was also an instrumental leader in the Ambos Foundation, which provides educational and nutritional help in Honduras.

Susan's life was marked by determination. At the beginning of her ministry, many doors were closed to her because of her gender, but she persevered and blessed congregations with her leadership in churches in Elizabeth City, Poplar Branch, Fayetteville, Newport, and Raleigh.

Her life can be summed up by the words of a former church member: "She was one of the most wonderfully kind and thoughtful people I have ever met. I looked forward to her sermons at North Raleigh and can never thank her enough for presiding over my Nana's funeral and my wedding."

Susan had a love for flying; the day she soloed was a memorable one for her. However, her greatest love was for her family, whom she cherished and who cherished her.

Memorial gifts may be made to Sharon UMC, P. O. Box 182, Poplar Branch, NC 27965.

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