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Jericho Road Ministries  
184 Barton Street  
Buffalo, NY 14213



Memorial Service  
for

**Bonnie MacBeth**

February 8, 1955—February 6, 2012

Houghton Wesleyan Church  
Houghton, New York  
February 11, 2012  
12:00 p.m.

On behalf of Bonnie's family I want to thank you all for coming to consider the life and death of my wife and best friend Bonnie MacBeth.

Now, Bonnie would always consider hard matters like death by facing it head on and talking about it. In our culture we tend to ignore or downplay death for the sadness, fear and anguish it can trigger within us. So today we have come to reflect on this, to cry some, and to share this loss together. For death was not part of God's original plan for us, but it is something we all must face.

Today you may see her body but not her spirit. For she has risen to be with Christ and her body, like the tomb of the resurrected Jesus, is empty.

And so, gladly, we also come together today to consider that Bonnie, as a faithful believer in Jesus Christ has been taken home to heaven and belongs to Him now. She is in pain no longer and, I am sure, is already having meaningful conversations with those that God is now placing in her path.

Today as we sit together and think about Bonnie and her life of faithfulness, I invite you to participate with us in prayer, in song, and in a time of sharing. If you have a story or thought about Bonnie we appreciate your willingness to stand and share briefly with us all.

Thanks to all of you for your friendship and support and prayer for Bonnie, especially during the last years of her life. By your gift, choosing to be present with us today, know that we count you as part of Bonnie's family.

Wayne MacBeth

*Immediately following this service, the family will proceed to the church Community Room (located directly behind the sanctuary) and invites you to join them for a light luncheon. The luncheon provides you with an opportunity to visit with Bonnie's family and friends as we continue to celebrate her life in Christ.*

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## **Prelude**

*Bonnie's Song*

written by Scott MacBeth

## **Words of Grace and Greeting**

## **Prayer**

**Song** *There Is a Redeemer*

## **Words of Remembrance**

*Lauren Johnson*

*Cherie Horst*

*Carol Jones*

## **Congregational Sharing**

You are invited to share a brief memory or remembrance of Bonnie.

## **Song**

Burmese Refugee Singers

## **Congregational Sharing**

**Solo** *I Will Rise*

Brittany Snyder

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 4:14-30

## **Homily**

*A Life that Looks Like Jesus*

**Hymn 357** *Be Thou My Vision*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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**Officiant:** Rev. Wesley Oden

**Guitarist:** Jon Haley  
**Organist:** Eileen DeBoer  
**Pianist:** Amanda Cox  
**Violinist:** Leigh Haley