

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
ANNE MORGANSTERN**

February 5, 1936 ~ January 19, 2025

Participants

Pastor

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson

Designated Minister, First Congregational Church

Organist

Albert Adcock

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Columbus, Ohio

Sara Anne McGee Morganstern
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Anne was born in Morgan, Calhoun County, Georgia.

She is survived by her husband, James Morganstern; brother-in-law Robert A. Licht; nieces and nephews Janne (Simon) Castleberry Foster, Jeptha Edgar (Beverly) Castleberry III, Robert (Connie) McGee, Mary Day McGee, Martha McGee, William (Lee) McGee, Raphael (Gabrielle) Licht, and Jacob (Panina) Licht; grand nieces and nephews Jaime (William) McGee Coley, James Edgar Castleberry Foster, Hudi Licht, Ayelet Licht, Miriam Licht, Thea Applebaum-Licht, and Anya Applebaum-Licht; great grand niece and nephew Willa James Coley and Witt Coley.

Anne earned a BFA from Wesleyan College (Macon, Georgia), and a MA and Ph.D. from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. Awarded scholarships and fellowships from the Fulbright Association, The Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts and the American Council of Learned Societies, Anne published two books and numerous articles on medieval and northern Renaissance art. She taught briefly at Marymount College (Tarrytown, New York), Vassar College, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and for 35 years in the Department of History of Art at The Ohio State University, where she served one year as Acting Chair.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad Street, Columbus. The interment will take place in the autumn at the West View Cemetery in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

There will be no calling hours.

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PRELUDE MUSIC

Ten Pieces for Organ (V and VII)

Requiem Aeternam

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord from Saint Augustine's Organbook

Wonderous Love

Théodore Dubois

Gerald Near

David N. Johnson

PASTORAL WELCOME

Rev. Joanna Samuelson

OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN

"Morning has Broken"

Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning;
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from heaven;
like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning;
born of the one light, Eden saw play.

Praise with elation, praise every morning;
God's recreation of the new day.

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning;
praise for them springing fresh from the world.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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 a 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 get, 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 of war, and a time of peace.

Psalms 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 through 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.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Reflection

Memories of loved ones

Janne Castleberry Foster with the collaboration of Jephtha Edgar Castleberry III
(children of Willene McGee Castleberry and Jephtha Edgar Castleberry, Jr.)

Raphael Licht (son of Robert A. Licht and Judith Morganstern Licht) with the
collaboration of Robert A. Licht, Gabrielle Applebaum Licht, and Jacob Licht

James Morganstern

(son of Richard R. Morganstern and C. Anita Freund Morganstern)

CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

John Newton, 1725-1807

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first begun.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my hope and portion be as long as life endures.

WORDS OF COMMENDATION

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Adagietto from Symphony V

Gustav Mahler
arr. Noel Rawsthorne

It is the custom of First Church to remain seated for the postlude.

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FIRST CHURCH IS A FAITH COMMUNITY

† Called together by God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of life, to worship, pray and serve;

† Led by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior, to learn the faith and welcome all God's children;

† Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness God's love and justice between ourselves, and throughout the world.

We covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ and one another, and bind ourselves in the presence of God to live together in all God's ways as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and holy scripture. The church acknowledges that all members have the right of individual interpretation of the principles of the Christian faith and respects them in their honest convictions. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord, the church recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, welcome and affirm all. We believe we are all created in God's image and called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, called to unite all people in God's love. We are a community seeking God's presence and love in our lives. We seek to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, sexes, gender identities and expressions, family structures, mental, intellectual and physical conditions, economic circumstances, political, theological and faith backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

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