

PLAYBILL

LOTM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Darlene's Delightful Day

*A lifelong
dream.*

Realized.



A Note

Dear Friends,

I am most grateful for your presence this morning!

I was ordained forty years ago this month at the Lutheran Church in Ithaca, NY (now St Luke's) where I had interned.

I have served as Assistant Pastor in Ithaca, Interim Pastor at Holy Spirit in Cortland, NY, Interim Pastor at Holy Spirit in Sharpsburg, MD, and as Pastor of the former Christ the Good Shepherd in Rochester, NY (now Resurrection) where I served for almost twenty-one years. While there we merged two city churches and I completed a Doctor of Ministry degree. Having gone through burnout, my thesis was "One Pastor's Journey into Burnout and Beyond." This experience led me into contemplative prayer and I completed a two-year program (Group Spiritual Leaders) at Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation.

I have been privileged to serve part-time at Lord of the Mountains for ten years: first as your Director of Children's Ministry for almost five years and then as your Discipleship Coordinator for five years.

My professional card says "Flunked Retirement Three Times". I am blessed to serve on our Sunday pulpit supply team and to coordinate it.

I continue to thank God for my amazing spouse, Doug who has supported me every step of my journey, and for our loving, loyal son, Scott. I also thank God for my colleagues who are my friends and are here today: Joe (depending on Marcia's state of health – prayers!), Karen, Liliana, Lydia and Ralph. Our two in-house chefs – Julie and Karen – are so generous with their time and culinary skills. Thank you!! For all others- neighbors/friends who have come to help me celebrate I am most grateful. To Chris Keelan for her beautiful solo and to our wonderfully talented Caroline Hesford who accompanies us today, bless you both – and of course, our beautiful choir. And to Bill Kyrioglou, our AV person who keeps me out of trouble with the microphones, and Jenny Slagle, our Church Administrator, who helped create this "Playbill": a hearty thanks. Above all, I give thanks to the Incomparable Christ for his call to serve as pastor. To Him be all honor, glory and praise, now and forever.

Pastor Darlene Bowden Muschett

The Program

*I always wanted to sing on Broadway, but God had other ideas.
Today is as close as I'll get.*

Wishing You Were Here Again

from The Phantom Of The Opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Charles Hart

Climb Every Mountain

from The Sound of Music by Oscar Hammerstein II and Richard Rogers

The Impossible Dream

from Man of La Mancha by Mitch Leigh and Joe Darion

And now from way out West, my cowboy, Doug Muschett singing

They Call the Wind Maria

from Paint Your Wagon by Frederick Loewe and Jay Alan Lerner

Doug finds his

True Love

from High Society by Cole Porter

You'll Never Walk Alone

from Carousel by Oscar Hammerstein II

The Lord is My Light

by Frances Allit

We give great thanks for our amazing accompanist Caroline Hesford!!

The Cause

It is an honor to welcome Doc PJ back to Dillon, so that we can learn more about **Doctors to the World!**

The organization's mission is to help those in greatest need by providing direct medical assistance. They are able to do this with no administrative overhead through volunteers who pay their own expenses and the expenses of running the organization.

To designate your giving to this outstanding resource, in honor of Pastor Darlene, be sure to identify '*Doctors to the World—Darlene*' or '*Darlene's Recital*' on your check / electronic transaction. Digital donations can be made [here](#)

