

**150th Anniversary Memorial
Service**

UNION

**150TH
ANNIVERSARY**

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FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

OXFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

**SOUTHSIDE
Pride**

February 6, 2021

**The 150th Anniversary Committee would like to thank the following people
for contributing to our service.**

Rev. Bernard J. Kefer

Rev. Carlene Fretz, soloist

Kevin Grasty, Bagpipes

Brass Duet

Ron Evans, Trombone
Emiliano Zetune, Trombone

OUMC Handbell Choir (“Quarter Ringers”)

Lisa Summers, Director

Jayne Zook
Kate Heller
Vickie Brown
Carol Hauser
Paul Gallo
Dakota Summers

The Oxford Trio

Katie Slauch-Boozer, Violin
Julia Farber, Horn
Nancy Pedrick, Piano

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PRELUDE The Church's One Foundation Brass Duet

OPENING REMARKS Deb Terry, President

MUSIC Glorious Celebration Quarter Ringers
by Cynthia Dorbinski

CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Mitchell, Firefighter

“Everliving God, we gather here today to remember and to honor the many individuals who have given their time, energy, and service to the Oxford community through the work and mission of the Union Fire Company Number 1. For the last 150 years, when a fire raged, or an injury occurred, when flood waters rose, or winds felled trees or buildings, our members responded. For one hundred and fifty years, our membership has heard the calls for assistance that have sounded in our community, and has responded. They have offered aid to their neighbors and all others, 24 hours a day, and 7 days a week, without regard to their own safety, convenience, or comfort. We remember them today, and ask your blessing to be upon them now and always. May our memories of their service bring pleasure to our minds, and inspire our hearts to offer our best efforts when duty calls. May we meet the challenges that come our way in this age with the same dignity and professionalism that those who have gone before us modeled so well. Amen.”

INVOCATION Bob Mitchell, Firefighter

“Let us pray. Grant us your peace, which passes all human understanding, as we honor our colleagues for their many years of selfless service to our community. We pray, O God, that they have taken their rest from their labors, and have entered into the light of God's eternal rest.

Holy and Eternal God, we pray for their families, and for ourselves. May they, and we, be comforted in our sorrow in your sure and everlasting hope. And Lord, direct our thoughts in Thy Great Wisdom, as we remember those who have gone before us. In thy matchless and Holy Name we pray. Amen.”

SOLO Rev. Carlene Fretz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Lupe Nava & Matt Groseclose
Isaiah 40:28-31 & Isaiah 43:1b-5a

MUSIC	The Church's One Foundation	Quarter Ringers
GOSPEL LESSON	Marty Wilson, Vice President Luke 4:14-21	
MESSAGE	Rev. Bern Kefer, Pastor Oxford United Methodist Church	
MUSIC	Lead Kindly Light	The Oxford Trio Dykes/Smith/Farber
HISTORICAL REVIEW & MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES	Larry Groseclose	
MUSIC	How Firm a Foundation	The Oxford Trio Early American/Joyce/Farber
BENEDICTION	Fireman's Prayer	Owen Connelly
POSTLUDE	Amazing Grace	Kevin Grasty, Bagpipes
CLOSING REMARKS	Deb Terry, President	

The Memorial Service today is paying respect
to all the men and women of the

Union Fire Company No. 1

and

Auxiliary to the Union Fire Co. No. 1