



July 24, 2022

Beloved St. John's members and friends,

I shared at both services this morning, and now I share with you, some unfortunate news with regards to Rev. Sue. She experienced a significant decline in health this week and after meeting with her oncologist on Wednesday, she was admitted to the hospital and, with Bob and family by her side, made the difficult decision to enter into hospice care and is now actively dying. She is being made comfortable and is surrounded by her loving family.

I had the opportunity to be with Sue on Friday and with me, I took the prayers and the love of all of you...the multitudes who surround her.

It is crucial that you know that any important information you need to be aware of in the hours and days ahead will be shared with you in a variety of ways, at the appropriate time. Please continue to check your email, pay attention to our St. John's Facebook page and website, or contact the church office for updates with regards to updates.

I urge you to please give the Bertollette family time and space as they surround Sue in her final hours. While Bob appreciates and is open to the reminders of the supportive and loving community of St. John's, please engage with the family with great mindfulness and discretion. The very best way to connect to Sue and to her family right now is through prayer. In fact, I invite you to pause wherever you are now and join me in prayer...

Loving God, there is nothing easy about the news that we have just read or about the reality of loss, especially of one so dear to us. As Rev. Sue prepares to join you in the embrace of *eternal rest... and while we know and we lean into the promises of our faith...we also struggle...we grieve...we cry out to you. Be close to us now, Oh God. Be close to Sue, Bob, John, and Jenny in ways that they can feel and know. Bind our hearts together as a faith community and may our faith sustain us in the midst of all that lies ahead. It is in Christ's name that we pray, Amen.* 💜

~Rev. Addie