

Closing

The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell

As we prepare to leave this place today, let us leave with thankful hearts. The person Betty Roberts is no longer with us. But the good that she has done lives on, in the love and care she has bestowed upon her children and grandchildren and students and friends, and she lives on in the political and civic life of Oregon, which will be forever changed, in particular for women, because of Betty's life and work.

Let us take with us as we leave today the heart and spirit that Betty has shown us in her life. And when we come to those places in our own lives when we believe that the challenge is too great, the obstacles too large, let us remember one small woman with so much courage, who continued to say yes, because no was simply not an option for her. There was too much good work to be done to turn away.

It is for those of us who remain to hold that positive vision, that faith in life itself, that is Betty's lasting gift to us. May Betty's yes to life continue to live in each one of us.

Go in love, and go in peace.