**Biographical Information/Introduction**

**Janet Hegarty, C.S.B.**

Before we get started I would like to remind everyone to please turn off your cellphone. Thank you.

Our speaker, Janet Hegarty, has said, “What I love about Christian Science is the way it answers pressing questions that come to all of us. Questions like, Who am I? Why am I here? How can I find health and happiness? These questions were uppermost in Janet’s thought when she entered college. As an undergraduate, she studied music composition at Washington University in St. Louis. Then, she moved to Chicago, where she earned a master’s degree in music from Roosevelt University. At about the same time, she was introduced to Christian Science and began finding the answers to her questions about identity, purpose, and health. This has made a huge difference in her life.

For the next several years, Janet composed and produced original music for theatre productions and film. Later, along with her husband, Jim, she had a music production company, producing music for radio, television, and other media.

Throughout this time, Janet continued to apply the spiritual ideas she was learning to every facet of her life. Her growing understanding of the way Christian Science explains existence took the mystery out of living and removed much fear. This new light so changed her life that she wanted to help others find spiritual answers. She then left the music business to enter the full-time Christian Science healing practice, and later became a Christian Science teacher.

Janet’s life has been transformed from living in fear for her health and uncertainty about the future to feeling secure in the spiritual basis of health. She now has a joyous expectation of good in the future. I am happy to introduce Janet Hegarty.