

A Celebration of the Life of
Carol Means



September 6, 1943 – July 31, 2024

*September 21, 2024
2:00 pm
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Beaverton, Oregon*

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light
Deacon Susan Werner Reiser, piano

Kathleen Thomerson

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Children of the Heavenly Father
Jesus Loves Me

Marilyn Biery
Wilbur Held
J. Wayne Kerr

Go, My Children with My Blessing
Deacon Susan Werner Reiser, organ

Frank Stoldt

The prelude prepares our hearts and minds for worship.
Please remain quietly seated for the duration.

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Carol was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

C: **We glorify you.**

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection, and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

C: **We praise you.**

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

C: **We worship you.**

P: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also, with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Carol. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

REMEMBRANCES

Rev. Rodney I. Page, Scott Means, Laura Harris

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

READING

Jeremiah 29:11-14

- L: A reading from Jeremiah:

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and

gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Psalm 121

L: A reading from the Psalms:

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from where will my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

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READING

Revelation 21:1-4

L: A reading from Revelation:

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

God will dwell with them;

they will be God's peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 14:1-4

L: The holy gospel according to John:

C: **Glory to you, O God.**

¹'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Pastor Allison Bengfort

HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

APOSTLES' CREED

A: We affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting, Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MUSICAL MEDITATION *I Need Thee Every Hour*
Deacon Susan Werner Reiser, organ

Peter Pindar Stearns

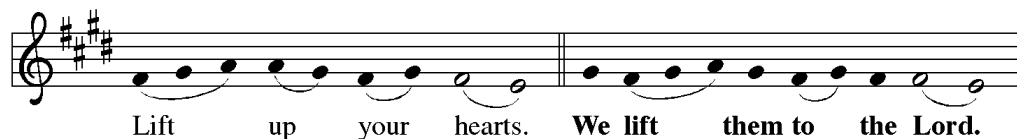
MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

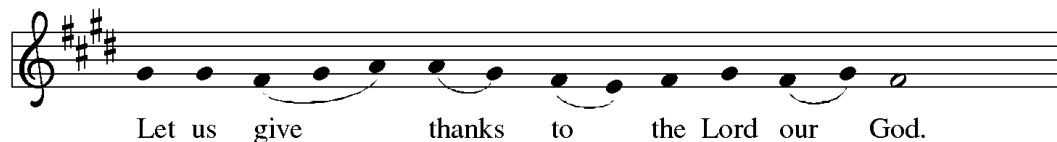
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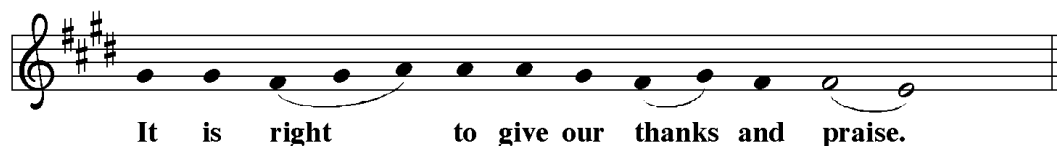
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



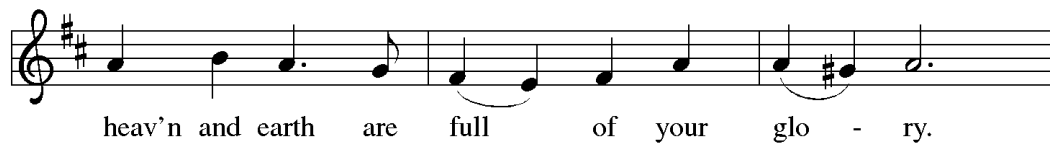
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

L: We pray together as Jesus taught us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We receive the elements by intinction. A piece of bread (gluten and lactose free) is placed in your hand, and you may dip it in a common cup of wine or grape juice. If you are uncomfortable dipping in the common cup, the Church has long believed that communion 'in one kind' – just the bread – counts fully as partaking in the Lord's Supper. If you don't wish to receive the elements, you may cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the pastor, or simply stay in your seat.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

WOV 767

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti-ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit-tle flow'r that o-pens, each lit-tle bird that sings,
2 The pur-ple-head-ed moun-tains, the riv-er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain

God made their glow-ing col-ors, God made their ti-ny wings.
the sun-set, and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar-den, God made them ev-'ry one.
how great is God Al-might-y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

POST--COMMUNION PRAYER

- A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT.

COMMENDATION

- P: Let us commend Carol to the mercy of God, our make and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carol. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
- C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

- A: May God enfold us and surround us,
In our speaking and in our thinking,
In our singing and in our silence.
May God protect us when we sleep,
In our waking and our watching,
In all our hopes and in all our dreams.
In our hearts and in our living,
In our deeds and in our rest,
And in our ever-living soul,
May we find God's eternal grace.

In the name of the Three of Limitless Love: † Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

On Eagles' Wings

ELW 787

POSTLUDE

On Eagles' Wings

Anne Krentz Organ

Deacon Susan Werner Reiser, piano

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

Worship Participants

Presider: Pastor Allison Bengfort

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Assisting Minister: Sr. India Jensen
Kerr

Cantor: Allison Katsufraakis

Musician: Deacon Susan Werner
Reiser

Tech Team: Paul Navarre and Chase
Isaacson

Ushers: Dan & Sharon Fako, Linda
Swan

Sharing of Memories: Rev. Rodney I.
Page, Scott Means, Laura Harris

Lector: Karl Means, Ron Means

Altar Guild: Deacon Susan Werner
Reiser

Memorial Service Coordinator: Pat
Christiansen

Reception Coordinators: Tom &
Pam Jelineo

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Obituary

Carol was born Carol Jean Johnson on September 6, 1943, in Pierre, S.D. She was the second daughter of second generation Swedish and Norwegian-American parents, Adolf and Jennie Johnson, and was very appreciative of that heritage. Carol went to be with her Savior the Lord Jesus Christ on July 31, 2024. In the years, months, weeks, and final days of her illness, she continued to exude the love she had for her family and friends with “I love you’s” too numerous to count. Carol is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Ronald “Ron” Means; daughter, Laura Harris (Brian); son, Scott Means (Deeann); grandchildren, Rebecca and Andrew; many special in-laws, nieces and nephews; and her beloved sister, Donna. Carol and Donna were affectionately known in the family as the “sweet sisters.”

In 1944, Carol moved with her family from South Dakota to Portland, OR., where she attended Duniway Elementary School and Cleveland High School, graduating in 1961. She attended Portland State College, earning a BS in Education in 1965. Ron and Carol married in 1966, first settling in Tigard before moving to NW Portland, where they lived for more than 50 years. Carol’s devotion to children through her teaching profession spanned 30 years, most of it as a first-grade teacher. She was a much-requested teacher at Cooper Mountain Grade School in Beaverton, where many of her colleagues and students/families made for life-long friends.

Carol lived fully into motherhood and family life as a Camp Fire leader, Boy Scouts host, and a soccer mom of the 70’s and 80’s before that term came into popular use. She loved cooking and baking, gardening and crafting, and spent many happy evenings tole painting with friends.

Ron and Carol loved to travel and joined family on trips around the world, including to Norway and Sweden, Kenya, Israel, Mexico, Nova Scotia, and on cruises through Europe and the Panama Canal. Their favorite place, however, was their beach house in Lincoln City, a gathering place that created many special memories over the years. Carol witnessed a beautiful double rainbow over the ocean in May, which was a sign of hope and peace for her.

Carol's Christian faith was strong, and she was a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Beaverton for 50 years, serving as a teacher in Sunday School and vacation bible school, and in various other roles. Together with her mother and sister, she relished her Scandinavian and Lutheran heritage over the years at church lutefisk dinners, lefse-making gatherings, and the Scan Fair.





Those who are unable to attend the service in person may access the live stream at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/4YWUamb3wIk>

