



December 5, 2021

Memorial Service
for
Helen Brooks Yetter
August 30, 1933- November 24, 2021
Christ Lutheran Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

PRELUDE

This Blood with Nothing But the Blood Springer & Wooten
SpiritSong, Kristin Glaeser-solo

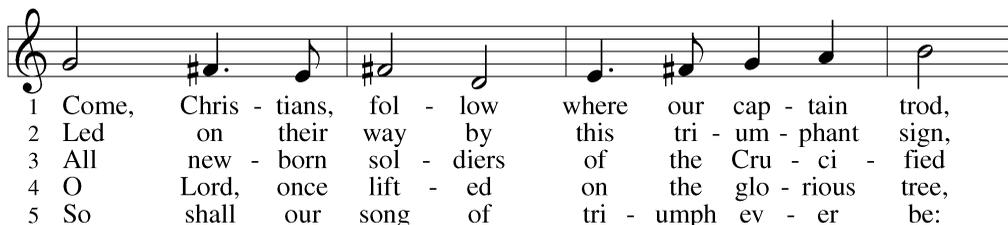
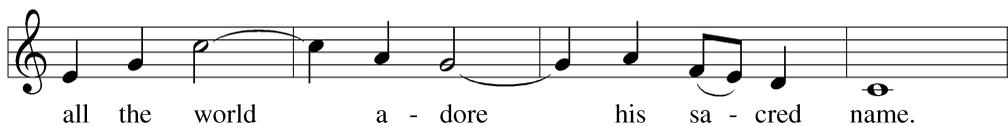
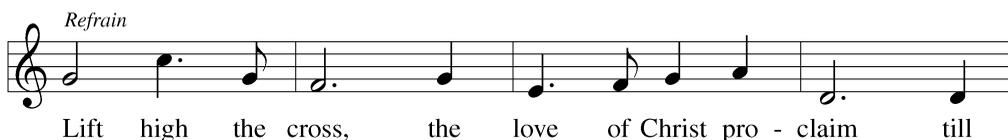
Voluntary
Phillip Meader Yetter-piano

(Please stand)

Leader: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

SONG

Lift High the Cross



Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

INVOCATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: 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.

People: We glorify you.

Leader: 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.

People: We praise you.

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

People: We worship you.

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

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Helen. 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 that 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.

People: Amen. (sit)

FIRST LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8 NLT

As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

After the reading:

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O ___ my soul; wor-ship His ho - ly name.

___ Sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. ___

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, ___ it's time to sing Your song
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an-ger. Your name is ___ great and Your
3. And on that day, when my strength is fail-ing near, and my

___ a - gain. What - ev - er may ___ pass, and what - ev - er lies be -
heart is kind. For all ___ Your goodness, I will keep ___ on ___
time has come; still, ___ my ___ soul will sing Your praise un -

-fore-me, - - let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
sing - ing; ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
end - ing ten thous - and years, and then for - ev - er more!

Final Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O ___ my soul; wor-ship His ho - ly name. ___ Sing like

nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. ___ Bless the

wor-ship Your ho - ly name, ___ wor-ship Your ho - ly name, ___ Lord, I'll

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. ___ Sing like

nev - er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. ___

REFLECTIONS

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NRSV

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

After the reading:

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG

Your Grace Finds Me
SpiritSong, Kristin Glaeser-solo

Redman & Myrin

REFLECTIONS

Mark Peterson

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-6 NIV

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

After the reading:

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Pastor Scott Suskovic

SONG

I Will Rise Tomlin, Reeves, Giglio & Maher
SpiritSong, Eric Sensenbrenner-solo

APOSTLES' CREED

Leader: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

RECESSIONAL

Please join us by the fountain after the worship service for hot chocolate and popcorn as we release balloons into the air for Helen's final flight.



Helen Brooks Yetter *August 30, 1933-November 24, 2021*

Helen was born on August 30, 1933, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, the eldest of six children born to Andrew and Marian Brooks who farmed for sixty years near Mina, South Dakota. Her great grandparents immigrated from Sweden and Norway and homesteaded near the Brooks farm. Helen was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and grew up with a strong faith and a deep work ethic, both instilled by her parents.

The Brooks family understood that education was the key to a productive, successful life. As the eldest, Helen led by example as she began her education in a one room schoolhouse on the prairie to moving into town for high school until she attended South Dakota State University, graduating with a Home Economics degree. During her college years, she took up flying and became the first woman to graduate from flight school at SDSU. During those years, Helen met Keith (Pal) Yetter and they married in 1955 before moving to Duluth, Minnesota, where Keith served in the United States Air Force and worked as a Civil Engineer.

Helen taught school in Duluth until the first of her five children were born. Having five children in a span of seven and a half years kept her busy with the full time job that she loved the best—being that mom who created a home bustling with activities and teeming with the neighborhood kids. She was the seamstress; the baker with all the fresh breads, pies and cakes; the cook with all the homemade meals and the organizer for the next adventure to run smoothly.

Following her husband, Keith's, death in 2002, Helen continued to remain very active in church and in the lives of her children and grandchildren. She traveled extensively to spend intentional time with each growing family. Finally, after 64 years of living in Duluth, she moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, to be closer to her daughter. There she lived for two years, enjoying independent living until the very end in which she fell asleep peacefully in the same bed that she and Keith shared for decades.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband Keith Yetter, son Bradley Keith Yetter, parents Andrew and Marian Brooks, one sister, Donna Ericksen and one brother, Dale Brooks. She is survived by her children Greg Yetter (Kelly) of Coeur d'Alene, ID, Gretchen Yetter Suskovic (Scott) of Charlotte, NC, Paul Yetter (Jennifer Meader) of Seattle, WA, and Scott Yetter (Roselie) of Silver Spring, MD, daughter in law Julie Yetter Sinnen (Tim Sinnen) of Shakopee, MN, and foreign exchange son Filippo (Colleen) Menczer, Bloomington, IL. She was blessed with 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Participating in today's service:

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| Pastor: | Pastor Scott Suskovic |
| Soloists: | Kristin Glaeser, Eric Sensenbrenner |
| Musicians: | SpiritSong, Phillip Meader Yetter, Mark Johanson, Mark Glaeser |
| Tech: | Frank Henry, Olivia Gerik, Tony Gerik, Thomas Cole, Bill Porter, Craig Cole |



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