

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
AND THANKSGIVING**



**IN MEMORY OF
MARJORIE ANN SEVEREID**

AUGUST 31, 1953 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

PROCESSION

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN

AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

GREETING

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

L: God of grace and glory, we remember before you today, our sister, Marge. 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.

BIBLE READINGS

ROMANS 8:31-39 NRSV

BRIAN STEFFES, MARGE'S NEPHEW

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Jesus said,] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In 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? ³ And 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

REMEMBRANCE

MICHAEL SEVEREID, MARGE'S BROTHER

SOLO

DAY BY DAY

STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

MESSAGE

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

HYMN 574

HERE I AM, LORD

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my work to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

PRAYER

L: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love. We ask for comfort for those whose hearts miss loved ones who have died, especially Vinal and Doris Severeid, Bob Curry, and those we name to you now. Dry our tears; lift our spirits; give us peace. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

L: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Marjorie Ann Severeid. 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.

SOLO

BE NOT AFRAID

BOB DUFFORD

BLESSING

L: Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL

Marge's family would like to extend a special thank you to everyone for your prayers, your love and support, your words of comfort, and the many acts of kindness they have received. Thanks be to God!

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SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 43:1-4 NRSV

L: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

PRAYER

L: Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our sister, Marge, and brother, Bob, whose bodies we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise them up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

L: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Marjorie Ann Severeid, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth; ashes to ashes; dust to dust.

The Lord bless her and keep her. The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon her with favor and + give her peace. Amen.

And trusting in the mystery of life everlasting, we commend our brother Robert Sherwood Curry, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth; ashes to ashes; dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him; the Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon him with favor and + give him peace. Amen.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

O Lord, support us all the day long in this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and a peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.