



The Funeral of  
Shirley Marty  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Champaign, Illinois

*October 23, 2020*

## Welcome!

We are glad that you have joined us as we gather mostly virtually, but still in the presence of God, to be encountered by God in Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as we commend Shirley Marty into God's eternal care.

We believe that God is truly at work here today in this worship service to both create and sustain our faith in God's promises of life for Jesus' sake, so that we may be comforted in our sorrow and empowered to be agents of God's grace in the world around us.

This stands at the center of all we do as a community of faith.

### Key to the order of service:

Regular type: spoken by a leader

**Bold type: spoken by the people**

*Small Italics: liturgical directions*

✠ indicates that the sign of the cross may be made

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# Gathering

## Welcome

*The family faces the font with the urn.*

*The presiding minister welcomes the assembly.*

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

We are gathered to worship,

to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,

to remember before God our sister Shirley Lee Marty,

to give thanks for his life,

to commend him to our merciful redeemer,

and to comfort one another in our grief.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*As a sign of being clothed with Christ in baptism,*

*a pall is placed on the urn as the following is said:*

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.

*The presiding minister sprinkles the casket with water from the font following each acclamation.*

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.

**We glorify you.**

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.

**We praise you.**

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

**We worship you.**

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

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister processes with the urn to the front of the nave as the hymn is played*

- 1 *What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*
- 4 *And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our Sister Shirley.

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 faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# Word

## Psalmody

Psalm 90

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants.

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

## Reading

Romans 8:31-35, 37-

39 <sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>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? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Sermon

Pastor Chris Repp

# Hymn *When Peace Like a River*

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*It Is Well with My Soul*

1 *When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

## *Refrain*

*It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2 *Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain*

3 *He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain*

4 *Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. Refrain*



*The assembly stands.*

## Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of the whole church, the faith in which we are baptized.

**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 Intercession

*The assisting minister leads the prayers. Each petition concludes:*

... God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as 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.**

# Sending

## Commendation

*The presiding minister leads the commendation.*

Let us commend Shirley to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Shirley Lee.  
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.

**Amen.**

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

# Sending Hymn/Postlude *In dir ist Freude*

J.S. Bach, BWV 615  
Dana Robinson, organ

- 1 *In thee is gladness amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,  
thou the true redeemer art.  
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.  
Who trusts thee surely has built securely  
and stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,  
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;  
naught can us sever: Alleluia!*
- 2 *Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,  
not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;  
he can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of his glory  
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices  
in him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,  
love him and praise him and still shall raise him  
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!*

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## Worship Support

*The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.*

Presiding Minister

Preacher

Reader:

Organist:

Director of Music/Pianist:

Soprano Soloist:

Sound Technician:

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**Pastor Chris Repp**

**Elizabeth Bertolini**

**Dana Robinson**

**Andy Bruhn**

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**Kevin Vail**

**Dave Brown**

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## Shirley Marty

Shirley L. Marty was born on November 23, 1932, and died peacefully on October 19, 2020. She was born in Lesterville, Missouri, the only child of Roy L. and Glenna Chapman Plunk. She attended Emmaus Lutheran School in St. Louis and was part of the first freshman class to attend Lutheran High School Central when it opened in the fall of 1946. She went on to Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois, where she flourished, gaining a reputation for her quick wit and establishing lifelong friendships. In the fall of her first year at River Forest, she met Myron Marty (Mike), a love match that lasted nearly seventy years until his death in 2019.

Following their marriage in the summer of 1954, they moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she taught 1st and 2nd grade and Mike taught 3rd and 4th. In 1957 they moved to St. Louis, where Mike taught and attended graduate school while Shirley cared for their growing family. For twenty years they were members of Unity Lutheran Church, Bel Nor, where she built enduring friendships and was actively involved in social outreach programs. She also sang for several years in the Lutheran Hour Choir.

In 1980 the family moved to the DC area, where she and Mike explored the city, hosted new and old friends, and traveled with their younger son's soccer team. She also found satisfaction in an editorial position that let her put writing and editing skills to work. When Mike was appointed Dean of Arts and Sciences at Drake University in 1984, they moved to Des Moines, Iowa. For more than a decade, Shirley worked as a legislative assistant on the floor of the Iowa House of Representatives, a job she loved. She was involved in the Storybook Project of Iowa, which gives incarcerated women a chance to choose books and record them for their children. She and Mike traveled. They established an enduring connection to Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin community in Spring Green, Wisconsin, and Scottsdale, Arizona, where they visited often; together they wrote an oral history of the community, Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin Fellowship (Truman State, 1999).

During the Iowa years, Shirley also became a grandmother for the first time and for the rest of her life she nurtured warm and loving relationships with her granddaughters and grandsons. In 2000, they moved to the Champaign-Urbana area to be near family and joined Christ Lutheran Church. Her lively spirit and quick wit made her a welcome presence in every new community they joined. She was a vital part of the community at Clark-Lindsey, where she and Mike spent the last years of their life together, and until the end of her life she was an active member at Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign. She never stopped loving her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and she was deeply loved by them.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband Mike and an infant son, Michael David. She is survived by her daughters Miriam Marty Clark (Drew) and Elizabeth Bertolini (John); her sons Timothy Marty (Ann) and Jason Marty (Marla); her grandchildren Emma, Mary, Paul, Matthew, Michael, Philip, Leah, Anna Louise, and Joshua; and her great grandchildren Margaret, Jane, Henry, Jack, and Jayden; and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to:

- The Storybook Project through Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
<https://www.lssi.org/prisoner-family-ministry/pfm-the-storybook-project.php> or to
- Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign, <https://gracelutherancu.org>



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