

Alleluia!

I am the Resurrection

and the Life, says the Lord

**A Service of Thanksgiving to God
for the Life and Witness of
+Phyllis Marie Kauffman+**



Born: March 16, 1934

Died: June 17, 2025

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GATHERING

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 Phyllis,
to give thanks for her life,
to commend her to our merciful redeemer,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
In her baptism, Phyllis 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.
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.

GATHERING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

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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. *A brief silence is kept.*

O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our sister Phyllis.
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.

WORD

READINGS

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Psalm 121

- ¹I lift my eyes to the mountains-
 where does my help come from?
²My help comes from the Lord,
 the Maker of heaven and earth.
³He will not let your foot slip-
 He who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴Indeed, he who watches over Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵The Lord watches over you-
 The Lord is your shade at your right hand;
⁶the sun will not harm you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
⁵The Lord will keep you from all harm-
 He will watch over your life;
⁶the Lord will watch over your coming and going
 both now and forever more.

1 Corinthians 15:12-26
John 1:1-5, 9-14

HOMILY

Silence for reflection follows.

CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn,
and a sure and certain hope in your loving care,
that, casting all their sorrow on you,
they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain,
your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand,
to believe and trust in the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all grace,
we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ
destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he 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,
will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Phyllis to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Phyllis.

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

Amazing Grace ELW 779

The assembly proceeds to the cemetery for burial



Pianist
Kelly Fowler



Presiding Minister
Pastor Timothy J. Bettger

Here I Am, Lord

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people 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.

- 2 "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 word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

- 3 "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*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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When Peace like a River

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*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

- 1 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.

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!

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

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
 his word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.

- 5 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.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5