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To remember and to thank God for the life of

**Nancy Grace Durbin McCartney**

January 8, 1936–August 31, 2022

September 7, 2022 | 10 a.m.

Prelude

Hymn Selections

Welcome

Gathering

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

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.**

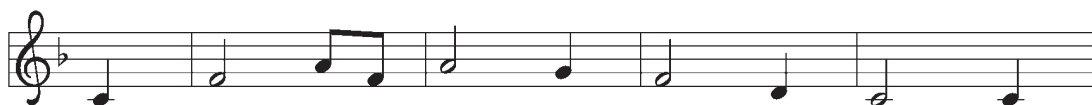
Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

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.**

# Hymn

## ELW 779: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## 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

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort,  
 graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow  
 on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through  
 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Life Remembered

Noah McCartney, grandson

## Song

Family Music Selection

Psalm 23

**<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.**

**<sup>2</sup>The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Psalm 121

Colleen Wells

**<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
from where will my help come?**

**<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

**<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.**

**<sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.**

**<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

**<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.**

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

Romans 8:35, 37–39

Steve McCartney

A reading from Romans.

**<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.**

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

John 14:1–6

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

## Hymn

ELW 742: **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

## Apostles' Creed

**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

*To each petition the assembly responds:*  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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

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

*Silence is kept.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Nancy Grace Durbin McCartney. 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.**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Bobberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989  
 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine  
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## Sending

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

## Postlude

Recessional on "How Great Thou Art"





## Nancy Grace (Durbin) McCartney

January 8, 1936–August 31, 2022

On January 8, 1936, God gave Nancy Grace Durbin her first breath.

Nancy was born to Edward Douglas Durbin and Helen Irene Miller-Durbin at St. Teresa Hospital in Waukegan, Illinois. Nancy has two brothers, Edward “Ed” (1930–2021) and Cecil, both of whom she loved dearly. She was the middle of the three children.

Nancy spent the first eight years of her life in Illinois until 1944, when the Durbin family relocated to Loveland, Colorado. In high school, she met the love of her life, her late husband, Woodson “Woody” Henry McCartney.

In 1953, Woody called Nancy to tell her wanted to marry her while he was home on leave from the Air Force. They married on December 27, 1953. Woody returned to duty, leaving Nancy at home to finish high school in Loveland. When she finished, she joined him in California, expecting their first son, Steven Eugene.

Steven “Steve,” the first of four, was born on September 27, 1954. Shortly thereafter, Woody was discharged from service, and the new family returned to Colorado. A year later, Nancy and Woody welcomed their second son, Michael Lynn, on September 25, 1955. The growing family bought a house in Aurora, Colorado. They welcomed their only daughter, Tina Lorraine on December 21, 1957. Their last child, Douglas Cory, was born on June 23, 1960. The family of six came to find their little home too small, so the young couple bought a bigger, better home about a mile away.

As the years went on, Nancy would have her ups and downs, not that she would admit to having down moments. The highlights of those good times always included time spent with her husband, children and grandchildren, and friends. Later, time spent up in their

mountain house became a special place of happiness. Her family grew bigger when Tina married John Heimerl. She became the loving grandmother of Shanna, Lorrissa “Lori,” Christopher, and Matthew. The family grew bigger as Shanna gave her two grandsons, Alex, and Isaac. Steve married Kelly and welcomed their son, Noah. Lori added four more grandchildren, Alyssa, Clayton, William, and Blake. Doug married Colleen and adopted Rianna, Colleen’s niece. Nancy was delighted with her vast family.

Nancy was a MOM—sometimes delivering tough love but always a mom that sat down with her children and listened. She always was a shoulder to cry on, sometimes a friend more than a parent but always the cornerstone of her family.

Nancy loved life. She enjoyed spending time with Woody, her kids, grandkids, and friends. She actively partook in her community in Harris Park, Colorado, where she and Woody moved to after retirement. She enjoyed sewing—with her daughter Tina especially, bowling, going to Black Hawk, and the beautiful nature around her mountain home. Through her passion for sewing, Nancy opened M & N Upholstery, a company that she ran for twenty-eight years.

Sprinkled among the good days were the sad times—losing her father just after Christmas in 1966 and her mother in 1991. However, one of the most challenging times was when she lost her son, Michael “Mike” Lynn, to a motorcycle accident on July 19, 1981. She would say you never get over losing a child, and she never really did. Losing her husband of 60 years on January 26, 2014, was another time of deep sadness. Her love for Woody and Mike never

faltered. She fought her battles and ailments with courage, including breast cancer and dementia. Nancy held her faith close to her in good times but especially in the bad.

She always had a story or joke to tell. And now, we, her family and friends, can continue her storytelling tradition.

On August 31, 2022, she drew her last breath at home, surrounded by her family.

May she rest in peace, alongside Woody and Mike. We love you and will miss your beautiful smile and wonderful laughter.

We would like to thank all of Nancy's caregivers, especially Lisa Grisdale, who went through the trials, tribulations, and triumphs during Nancy's last few years.

*"The past is dead and gone,  
The future, who can say.  
The present hour is to live and love,  
thank God we have today."*

—A poem by Mike McCartney

## **Pallbearers:**

Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren

## **Interment**

### **Olinger Hampden Gardens**

8600 E Hampden Ave, Denver, CO 80231

Wednesday, September 7, 1 p.m.

(depart from Augustana at 12:20 p.m.)

## **Memorial may be designated to**

### **St. Jude's Hospital**

[stjude.org](http://stjude.org)

## **You are invited**

to greet the family at a reception  
in Fellowship Hall  
following the service.

## **Worship Leaders**

### **Preacher/Presider:**

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

### **Organist:**

Andrew Peters

### **A Life Remembered:**

Noah McCartney