

To remember and to thank God for the life of

**Marilyn Bowersox Morris**

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## 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.**

## 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

Zach Morris

## Hymn

ELW 838: **Beautiful Savior**



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

## Readings

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Philippians 4:9

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

## Gospel

John 15:1, 5

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

[Jesus said to his disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

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

## Sermon

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

# Hymn

## ELW 629: Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,  
 The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
 When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;  
 help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## 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 Maggie to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Marilyn Jeanne Bowersox Morris. 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.**

## Hymn

### ELW 765: Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
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## Sending

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

## Postlude

Recessional on “Lord of All Hopefulness”

# Things I hope you will remember about me:

That I loved you.

That I loved people gathering in our home.

That I loved:

- \* Reading
- \* Playing games
- \* Decorating and celebrating holidays, birthdays, and special events Treasure hunts
- \* Logic problems
- \* Writing poetry on scraps of paper
- \* Hiding money in my pitchers and teapots and other weird places
- \* Sewing, weaving, crocheting, quilting, and making costumes
- \* Tea parties, especially on Christmas Eve
- \* Making messes with art projects and experiments and cooking
- \* Stuffed animals and making them talk and do silly things
- \* Dancing, theaters and museums
- \* Little lapel pins, rings, long earrings (especially the silver ones Ken got me when he went on hiking trips)
- \* Motown, smooth jazz, Janis Joplin, James Taylor, Kenny Loggins children's album, and oboe & harp music
- \* Mysteries (especially Agatha Christie, Sherlock, and cozy mysteries)
- \* BBC "pretty movies" like "Enchanted April," "Persuasion," "Room with a View." (And "Made in Heaven" & "Somewhere in Time" & Disney Movies)
- \* Cuddling and hugs
- \* Children at all ages
- \* Learning new things, education, and taking classes

- \* Making photo albums and hanging pictures and kid art all over the house
- \* Believing in sweet magic in our lives and fairies, brownies, Santa, the Easter Bunny, unicorns
- \* Candles at dinner and Oil Lamps
- \* People who think outside the box and color outside the lines and color things in colors that aren't normal
- \* Always having fresh flowers in the house. My favorites are Gladiolas and Lilies because my grandpa grew them.
- \* Writing with fountain pens and getting snail mail letters
- \* Genealogy
- \* Mayonnaise, cheese and gingerbread
- \* My harp even though I never got very proficient at playing it.
- \* Simply sitting around talking and listening to the thoughts, dreams, adventures of others and sometimes old-fashioned philosophical debates.

Love,  
**Maggie**

## Native American Prayer

I give you this one thought to keep.  
I am with you still, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain,  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the sweet uplifting rush,  
of quiet birds in circled flight,  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not think of me as gone.  
I am with you still in each new dawn.

**Interment**  
**Fairmount Cemetery**  
Denver, Colorado

**You are invited**  
to greet the family at a reception  
in the Anna Paulson Room  
following the service.

**Memorials may be designated to**  
**Augustana Early Learning Center**  
5000 E Alameda Ave  
Denver CO 80246

*or*

**Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation**  
**Special Care Clinic**  
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**Worship Leaders**  
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