

A Christian Funeral

REV. DEANNE “DEEDEE” K. DEFREESE LUNDAHL

April 27, 1944 – July 8, 2023

6:00 PM – July 19, 2023

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
2650 Farnam Street – Omaha, Nebraska



Rev. Cath Mode, Preaching
Rev. Stephen Griffith, Presiding
Bishop Scott Johnson
David Gerard, Organist
Rick Lienemann, Soloist

PRELUDE

GATHERING

(stand)

WELCOME

- P** 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

- P** All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, DeeDee was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.
- P** To God, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
- C** Amen.

HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881

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| <p>1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.</p> | <p>2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"</p> |
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Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.
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GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God of grace and glory,
- C** we remember before you today our sister, DeeDee 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

(sit)

STATEMENT OF MEMORIAL

Martha Omar

Psalm 121

Eric Knapp

I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?
²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.
A The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

HYMN *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”* ELW 619 vs. 1, 2, 7, 8

1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!	7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.	8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Hannah deFreese

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. ²And 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. ³If 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. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love 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. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.
A The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

(stand)

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

HOMILY

Pastor Cath Mode

SOLO

"Borning Cry"

Rick Lienemann

(stand)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

G 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

Jennifer Olson, Elissa deFreese-Marking,
Steve Olson, Heather McCarthy

Response: **P** God of mercy,
G hear our prayer.

THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G And also with you.

MEAL

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Merciful God,
C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| P The Lord be with you. | C And also with you. |
| P Lift up your hearts | C We lift them to the Lord. |
| P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | C It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Behold, Christ has prepared a table. Come and receive a foretaste of the feast to come with all the saints.

(sit)

THE DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We believe that this is the Lord's table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You who feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy. The form of distribution is intinction: you will receive the consecrated bread and then you may dip the bread into the wine. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

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Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain***
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain***
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain***
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

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"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

**Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world:
Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in his sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ Let us pray. O God,**
- ☞ the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING

COMMENDATION

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, DeeDee. 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.

G Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you ✝ peace.

G Amen.

HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW 660

Refrain

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain**
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain**
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

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SENDING

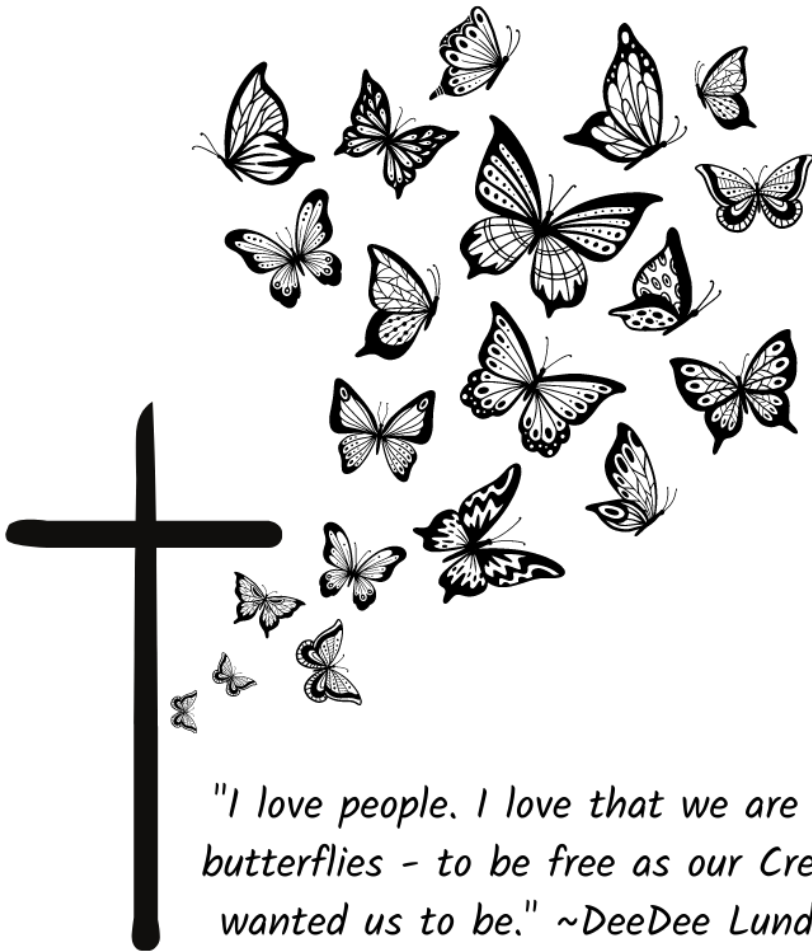
P In the name of Christ, let us go forth in peace.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Please join the family in the Fellowship Hall for a meal immediately following the service.



"I love people. I love that we are like butterflies - to be free as our Creator wanted us to be." ~DeeDee Lundahl