



Come unto Me,

All ye

*that labour and are heavy laden,
and
I will give you rest.*

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

June 15, 2024

In Loving Memory of

Rebecca Ruth Brooks

February 2, 1953 – May 20, 2024

A Christian memorial service is a worship celebration. Although there is sadness because we no longer have our loved one with us, we meet here to celebrate the joy of victory for Rebecca Ruth Brooks and for ourselves as we believe that Jesus Christ has died for us and was raised back to life. We worship together.

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VICTORY CELEBRATION

Do you not know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were, therefore, buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we, too, may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. (*Romans 6:3–5*)

OBITUARY (pg. 8)

HYMN OF COMFORT

“Heaven Is My Home”

I'm but a stranger here, Heaven is my home;
Earth is a desert drear, Heaven is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand round me on every hand;
Heaven is my fatherland, Heaven is my home,

What though the tempest rage, Heaven is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage, Heaven is my home.
Time's cold and wintry blast soon will be overpast;
I shall reach home at last, Heaven is my home.

Therefore I murmur not, Heaven is my home;
Whatever my earthly lot, Heaven is my home;
And I shall surely stand there at my Lord's right hand.
Heaven is my fatherland, Heaven is my home.

INVOCATION

P We gather here today to receive and to share with each other the comfort and strength of our Lord.

C **In His Word is both life and hope which is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P In You, O Lord, do we trust. Be with us this day as we need and seek Your guidance and direction in grief and sorrow.

C **In You, O Lord, do we trust. And so, we make our beginning in the name of the Father Who created us, the Son Who redeemed both body and soul, and the Holy Spirit Who made this earthly body the temple of our Lord. Amen.**

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today, Rebecca, our sister in Christ. We thank You for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion here on earth. In Your unlimited compassion, console us who mourn. Enable us, Lord, to be able to see in death the gate to eternal life and that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with Rebecca and those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father Who loved us, and by His grace gave us eternal life, strengthen you in every good deed and word. (*2 Thessalonians 2:16–17*)

C **Amen.**

PSALM

23 (ESV)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 5:1–10 (ESV)

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

GOSPEL PROMISE

John 14:1–6 (ESV)

[Jesus said,] ¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

HYMN OF HOPE

“Amazing Grace”

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!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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

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.

MESSAGE

“PREPARED”

John 14:1-6
Pr Jim Sprengle

PRAYER

P O God, our Father in Heaven:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor:

C **Grant us Your peace.**

P O, how glorious is that Kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice
with Christ.

C **They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb
wherever He goes.**

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

P Loving and merciful God, if it were not for the promise of the
resurrection and life eternal, we could not endure the sorrow
which has come upon this gathering. Only the assurance of
Your continual presence enables us to carry on during these
times.

Lord, do not let these loved ones mourn as those who have no hope. Comfort them day after day with the precious promise of Your Word. Give them grace to come to You and to find rest for their souls.

Merciful God, You have appointed us to endure trouble and sorrow with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory. Enable us to be strong in faith to the end and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. We pray through Jesus. Amen.

THE 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.

THE COMMENDATION

☩ Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Rebecca Ruth Brooks. We humbly ask, Lord, that You acknowledge her as a sheep of Your fold, a lamb of Your flock, and a sinner whom You have redeemed. Receive her into Your merciful arms, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in Heaven.

☩ Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Elderly Simeon spoke the following words when Baby Jesus was presented to him in the temple.)

Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

May God enable you to see Jesus as your salvation. In the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“When Peace, like a River”

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.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **(refrain)**

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)**

And, Lord, haste 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)**

***Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshment in
our Community Room following the service.***

**In Lieu of flowers, memorial Donations can be made to:
Alzheimer’s Association**

Officiant: **Rev. Jim Sprengle**
Musician: **Brad Hall**

CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

Rebecca Ruth Brooks

February 2, 1953 – May 20, 2024



Rebecca Ruth Brooks, daughter of John Chambers and Helen Stimel was born in Sidney, Montana, on February 2, 1953, and died in Gresham Oregon on May 20, 2024 at the age of 71 years, 3 months, and 18 days.

Rebecca Chambers was baptized in Sidney, Montana at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 2, 1953, confirmed in Portland, Oregon at Ascension Lutheran Church on May 14, 1967, and was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church at the time of her death.

Becky was united in marriage by her father, Pastor John Chambers, to Larry Brooks on August 17, 1973, at Ascension Lutheran Church. They lived in Troutdale, Oregon and had two children, Brian Larry Brooks and David Kent Brooks.

Preceding her in death are parents, John and Helen Chambers; son, Brian Brooks; and sister, Cynthia Rakos.

Surviving to mourn her death are husband, Larry Brooks; Son, David Brooks (Marianne); Brothers, Bob and Kent Chambers; Sister, Kathy Chambers; and four grandchildren.