



Let the little children come to me.  
Matthew 19:14



**Celebration of Life**  
**Grace Tryphena Roof**  
**August 4, 1927 – September 16, 2019**

*Grace Tryphena Roof, 92, passed away Monday, September 16, 2019. Grace loved little children and spent most of her life caring for them. She has tended the nursery and taught Sunday School at Mt Hermon Lutheran Church since she was 16 years old. She also cared for many different children in her home. She was always telling stories about the children that had been in her life.*

*Grace was born August 4, 1927, in West Columbia, SC. She was the daughter of Garland T. and Lillie Haile Roof. Surviving are her nieces and nephews: Annette Price, Georgiana Gray, Doris Maddox (Jimmy), Parker Boulware (Diane), Lawrence Boulware, Kitty Boulware, Margie Graddick, Loretta Ryburn (Roger), Mary Esther Guess, numerous great, great great, and great great great nieces and nephews. Grace was predeceased by her parents, her sisters: Annie Maude Boulware, Viola Harmon, Elsie Roof; her nephew Joe Boulware and her niece Jackie Batson.*

*In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mount Hermon Lutheran Church Building on Holy Ground Fund, 3011 Leaphart Rd, West Columbia SC 29169.*

# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Please take a moment to silence all electronic devices.  
Congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand and face the sanctuary doors. It is through the doors of the church that we enter to praise and worship our God.*

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 you our sister, Grace Roof, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and comfort one another in grief.

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.***

*As the cross passes your pew,  
please turn and continue to face the altar as worship continues.*



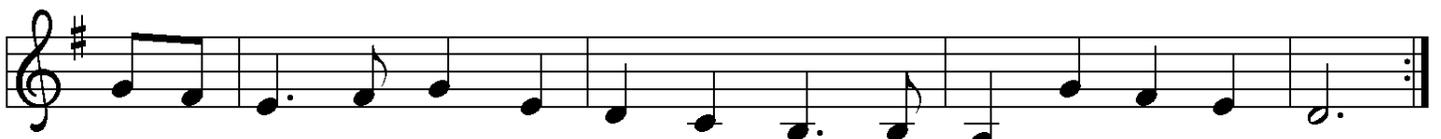
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## **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**

*We pray.*

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Grace Roof. 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.***

*We sit.*

## **THE WORD**

### **READING: Proverbs 22: 1-7**

*A reading from Proverbs.*

<sup>1</sup>A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold.

<sup>2</sup>The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

<sup>3</sup>The clever see danger and hide;  
but the simple go on, and suffer for it.

<sup>4</sup>The reward for humility and fear of the LORD  
is riches and honor and life.

<sup>5</sup>Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;  
the cautious will keep far from them.

<sup>6</sup>Train children in the right way,  
and when old, they will not stray.  
<sup>7</sup>The rich rules over the poor,  
and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

The word of God for the people of God.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## **PSALM 23**

Ryan Price, Soloist

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I 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;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

## **READING: Ephesians 6:1-4**

*A reading from Ephesians.*

<sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>Honor your father and mother — this is the first commandment with a promise: <sup>3</sup>so that it may be well with you and you may live long on

the earth. <sup>4</sup>And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-6, Matthew 19:13-17**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>18:1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>He called a child, whom he put among them, <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. <sup>6</sup>If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>19:13</sup>Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; <sup>14</sup>but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." <sup>15</sup>And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. <sup>16</sup>Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

The gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**MUSIC**

*Draw Me Close*

Carpenter

# HOMILY

We stand.

## HYMN

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## APOSTLES CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the 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**

*Let us pray.*

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**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,*

***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 SENDING**

### **COMMENDATION**

*Let us commend Grace Roof to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your child, Grace. 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.***

**HYMN**

*When Peace like a River*

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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Please follow the cross, the casket, and the family to the cemetery.*



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Pall Bearers	Troy Boulware, Blake Donaldson, Jim Maddox, Austin Price, Jeff Price, Michael Williams

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Grace Roof by Mt Hermon Lutheran Church.

**THE PASCHAL CANDLE** is placed at the head of the casket and is lit to symbolize the risen Christ.

**THE FUNERAL PALL** replaces the flowers as worship begins. The white cloth is reminiscent of the white garment worn in baptism. The pall is a reminder of our baptismal clothing and a reminder that we are baptized into the Christ's death and Christ's resurrection.

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