

**Service of Celebration of the
Life and Resurrection of
Ruth Naoma Skilton Boyd
March 8, 1924—May 31, 2016**



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

Celebration of the Life and Resurrection of Ruth Boyd July 08, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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 God our Sister Ruth, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

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.

OPENING 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Ruth was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory. 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.

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.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Ruth. 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.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

SOLO: *You Are Mine* - Soloist: Richard Edmonds

FIRST READING: *Colossians 3:1-4*

Bogui Adjorlolo

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God,
Word of Life.

PSALM: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and, on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

GOSPEL READING: *John 6:37-40*

Koissi Adjorlolo

³⁷Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

The Gospel of our Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)*



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near, And the day is past and gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
hand. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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 OF INTERCESSION

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 in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

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

Silence for reflection.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Ruth.
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.

BLESSING

May the silence of the hills,
the joy of the winds,
the peace of the fields,
the music of the birds,
the fire of the sun,
the strength of the trees,
and the faith of a little child,
in all of which is God,
go with you and be with you today and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: *On Our Way Rejoicing* (ELW 537)



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

POSTLUDE

Ruth Naoma Skilton Boyd

Ruth Naoma Skilton was born to James and Marietta Skilton on March 8, 1924, in Spokane, Washington, where she joined siblings Reggie, Renee, and Roland. Reggie, nineteen years her senior, never liked her name and always called her “Pat.” Ruth accidentally renamed her younger sister two years later, when the family had moved to Greenwood, BC. Enamored with this baby girl, Rosemond, little Ruthie, who couldn’t say the word “dolly,” referred to her as “Mommy’s baby dottie.” She was, therefore, known as “Dot” all of her life. Despite their age range, the Skilton kids were very close-knit and their children continue to have reunions as often as possible.

As a child Ruth overcame polio, scarlet fever, and numerous surgeries. She spent a lot of time at Children’s Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle. She recalled having fun in the hallways where ambulatory kids would push those in wheelchairs in races. Despite her intermittent convalescence, Ruth had a full and adventurous childhood. At six, when the family had moved to Yakima, before her legs had healed enough for her to walk, Roland would give her rides to school on the handlebars of his bike. Until a policeman “arrested” them and said it was illegal! She was chief cook the day she and Dot decided to make chicken and dumplings while the rest of the family was away. Ten year-old Ruth heated water on the woodstove while eight-year-old Dot caught and slaughtered the chicken. From what we hear, the meal was fine!

She was the secretary at State Farm Insurance when Marvin Boyd, home on leave from WWII, came in and asked her to take a letter. As she typed she realized he was asking her to be his wife. Five other men had made the same request, but it was to her beloved navy man that she said yes. They initially planned to wed after the war, but five days later changed their minds. Four days after that, on February 9, 1945, they were pronounced man and wife in the Yakima United Church of the Brethren. Once the war ended, they stayed in student housing, in Union Bay Village, while Marvin attended the University of Washington. This is where they were living when their first two sons, Michael and Patrick, were born. Upon completion of his teacher’s education, they moved to Cusick, which was son Steven’s first home. Then they moved on to Fairfield, where their first and only daughter, Kendahl was born. They finally settled in Bothell in 1959 where they spent the rest of their 58 years together.

Ruth worked as the receptionist at Lake City Medical and Dental before

moving on as secretary at the UW Child Development and Mental Retardation Center where she served for 25 years. She served there from its beginnings as a single office and through many moves. Eventually it grew to have its own building on Portage Bay. Having taken on more and more administrative duties over the years after her retirement they had to hire three people to replace her. Wherever she was, whatever her job, she devoted her life to family and a strong relationship with her Savior. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, where she taught Sunday school and led Bible study groups. She also spent many years, first as student and then as leader, in Bible Study Fellowship, .

Always an adventurous woman, she travelled the world setting foot on four continents. She last rode a horse at age 80, despite recent hip surgery. She was quick-witted, fun-loving, and always “game.” She was a savvy card player and knew how to keep score at Bridge. You could seldom top her at SCRABBLE. She always had time for her large extended family and many friends. She especially loved the wonderful years she shared with her dear neighbors on Madrona Street in Bothell. Her last few years were very quiet with her loving caregivers, Lita and Jesse Naldo, and she died very peacefully there May 31, 2016.

She will be sorely missed by those who survive her: sons Michael (Pam) and Steven; daughter Kendahl Adjorlolo (Alain); grandchildren Amanda Brothers (Larry), Beau, Wyatt (Alison); Maoulay, Keely, Bogui and Koissi Adjorlolo; and three generations of her “adopted” family, the Pierre-Antoinnes; Josette, Carlos (Anita), Angelique McGuire (Sam, Henri, Genevieve and Arthur); and numerous Skilton, Peterson, Hester, Villalovos, and Gillespie nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be to the First Lutheran Church Bell Tower Fund.

Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:	Rev. Tor K. Berg
Organ/Piano:	Lucy Kay Osborne
Soloist:	Richard Edmonds
Readers:	Koissi Adjorlolo Bogui Adjorlolo
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