

**Service of Celebration of the
Life and Resurrection of
Diane Colleen Berg
June 4, 1954–April 29, 2016**



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

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May 07, 2016
2:00 pm**

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, The Comforter, Gathers Us In Worship

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION

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 Diane,
to give thanks for her,
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.

GATHERING HYMN: *Borning Cry* (ELW 732)



- 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."

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

In her baptism, Diane 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 Diane.

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: *Rev. Ron Blake*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Galatians 5:12-26

¹²I wish those who unsettle you would castrate themselves!

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Word of God

Word of Life

PSALM 150

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

²**Praise him for his mighty deeds;**

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³**Praise him with trumpet sound;**

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴**Praise him with tambourine and dance;**

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵**Praise him with clanging cymbals;**

⁶Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 21:29-36*

²⁹Then [Jesus] told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)*



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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: *Richard Edmonds, Solo*

COMMENDATION

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

Silence is kept

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

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

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: *Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 685)*



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

POSTLUDE

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Diane Colleen Berg

June 4, 1954—April 29, 2016

Diane Colleen Berg, 61, of Woodinville, passed away on Friday, April 29, 2016. She was born June 4, 1954 in Seattle, the daughter of the late Clarence Emanuel and Dolores (Thomala) Smith.

Diane met Robert Berg in choir at Thomson Junior High, and they were friends all through high school. Diane and Bob started dating after her graduation from Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Portland. After Bob's infamous onion ring marriage proposal, they were married on November 19, 1977 at Hope Lutheran Church in Seattle. Diane worked at St. Vincent Hospital in Beaverton, Providence Hospital in Seattle, and was employed as a registered labor and delivery nurse at Swedish Hospital for 35 years, mostly part-time, while she raised her family.

Diane and Bob were long-time members of Hope Lutheran Church, where Diane was active in senior choir, Lydia Circle and devoted countless hours to leading the vacation bible school music program. They transferred their membership to First Lutheran Church of Bothell in 1995 where Diane was active with the choir. She loved spending time with her grandchildren; collecting Precious Moments figures; and she enjoyed gardening and counted cross-stitch.

Diane is survived by her husband of 39 years; three children, David and wife Julie, Sarah and Zachary ; two grandchildren, Noah and Madeline; one aunt and numerous cousins.

Memorials may be made to First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, Seattle Children's Hospital or March of Dimes.



Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:	Rev. Tor K. Berg
Organ/Piano:	Lucy Kay Osborne
Choir Director:	Sarah Moran
Altar Guild:	Donna Hillard
Ushers:	Dan Bormann & Dan Hendricks
Sound Technician:	Ann Bormann
Reception Coordinator:	Mary Cardwell



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