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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

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 Connie*, 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.

GATHERING HYMN: *Borning Cry* (ELW 732)



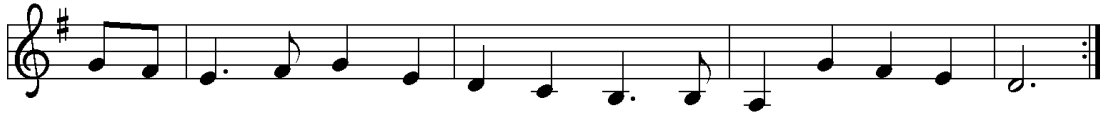
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



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, Connie 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 Connie*. 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: *We take time to tell Connie’s story as we know it. Storytelling is one of the most important things we do, it helps us share what is important to us.*

ANTHEM: *Puff the Magic Dragon* (L. Lipton/P. Yarrow)
Erin Lee and Zenichi Hirose

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Diane Wolter)

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
²a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

PSALM 121 (Diane Wolter)

¹I 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.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:38-39 (Susan Gable)

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

GOSPEL READING: John 11:21-27

²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to

her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

SERMON

ANTHEM: *Amazing Grace* (J. Newton/W. Walker)
Zenichi Hirose and Lucy Kay Osborne

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

ANTHEM: *For Those Tears I Died*

Kristin And Zenichi Hirose And Marsha Stevens

COMMENDATION

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

Silence

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Connie. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive Connie 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: *Be Still, My Soul* (HFW 113)



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - 'ry change God faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

POSTLUDE

Connie Darlene Wolter

Born Connie Zimmerman 08/27/1948 in Rock Falls IL

Died 02/22/2022 in Kirkland Washington

Connie grew up in Moorhead Minnesota, graduated from Moorhead High School and Moorhead State University. She lived in Minneapolis, MN for 20 years and Kirkland, WA for 23 years. She worked at a number of jobs including camp counselor, Police Officer, neuropsychology tester, home daycare provider, and school technical assistant. She was active in her church as a singer, council member, and musician. She loved music - took classical guitar lessons for 25 years, led music for Sunday school, and sang in choirs her whole life.

She was married for 49 years and 8 months to her loving husband, Roger. She is survived by her children Erin Lee (Bobby Lee), Kristen Wolter (Zenichi Hirose), Erica Wolter, and her grandchildren Teagan Lee, Juniper Lee, Ichiro Hirose, Karen Hirose, and Iris Lee.

Memorials may be made to **First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.**

Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:	Rev. Tor K. Berg
Organ / Piano:	Lucy Kay Osborne
Altar Guild:	Donna Hillard
Usher:	Dan Bormann
Sound Tech:	Ann Bormann
Camera Tech:	David Osborne
Reception Coordinators:	Nancy McGee, Marilyn Sides & Nora Strotman