

A Celebration of Life
Carol Ann McClymonds

November 4, 1958 ~ August 13, 2021

Friday, August 20, 2021

at 10 o'clock in the Morning



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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Prelude

Dakota Bennett, Organist

The Anthems

All stand for Anthems

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die forever. As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger. For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession. Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Carol, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

A reading from Lamentations.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Psalm 27

Celebrant & Congregation

The Lord is my Light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat my flesh, * it was they, my foes, and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * and to seek him in his temple.

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For 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.

Seq.

"The King of Love my Shepherd is"

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 10:11-16

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Seq. “The King of Love my Shepherd is”

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Reflections

John McClymonds

Homily

Rev. Les Jackson

The Apostles' Creed

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People

For our sister, Carol let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, I am Resurrection, and I am Life." Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress: draw near to us who mourn for Carol and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister, Carol who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also, with you.

Instrumental Music

Dakota Bennett

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and Congregation

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & Congregation

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed upon him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Hymn

“Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace”

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The Post Communion Prayer

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Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

The Song of Simeon

Celebrant & Congregation

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the
world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Recessional

“Lift High the Cross”

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Postlude

Dakota Bennett

Ministers this Service

The Rev. Les Jackson

Fred Schroeder, Lector

Dakota Bennett, Organist

Altar Guild: Karen Wall, Kala & George Whiteside, Beth Penner

Altar Flowers are given by family members in memory and thanksgiving for Carol





Graveside Commendation & Committal
Walton Cemetery
Walton, Kansas

The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carol. 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.*

The Committal

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Carol, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. *Amen*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

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

Other prayers may be added.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon her.

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Carol Ann McClymonds

Former Nowata resident, Carol Ann McClymonds, passed away in Fort Worth, Texas, August 13, 2021. She was born November 4, 1958, to Bryson G. and Margaret Martha "Peggy" (McGraw) McClymonds. Carol was a 1977 graduate of Nowata High School and then continued her education at the University of Oklahoma. In 1981 she graduated from OU with a Bachelor of Education in Special Education. After graduation she moved to Dallas and worked in retail at Sanger Harris Department store. Carol discovered that she loved retail and the service industry and held many jobs that allowed her to connect and interact with people. After many years in retail Carol accepted a receptionist position at the Highland Spring Independent Living Center in Plano, Texas. She truly loved working there and all of the people she got to interact with every day. She loved her co-workers and the residents and was always willing to go above and beyond to help others.

Carol was such a kind, caring soul. She had many of the same friends from childhood until her passing and was always open to meeting new ones, easily making new friends at every stage of her life. So many people were touched by her thoughtfulness - both family and friends alike. She was always the first to check in on you and she never missed a birthday, holiday, or anniversary - always sending the most beautiful cards. She was also a phenomenal gift giver. She loved to pick out presents that would make the recipient shine while expecting nothing in return. Carol loved to travel - especially to London and New York with her oldest and dearest friends. Some of her best gifts came from her travels! Carol's love didn't stop with people. She loved animals too - especially dogs. She had three throughout her life that brought her so much joy - Blue, Millie, and her most recent love - Big Girl.

Carol was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas and was a woman of faith. She touched so many hearts and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Preceding Carol McClymonds in death are her parents, Bryson Gilchrist, and Margaret Martha "Peggy" (McGraw) McClymonds and her brother-in-law Todd Thompson. As well as her grandparents and many aunts and uncles.

Survivors include her brother, John McClymonds (Dinah) of Houston, Texas; her sister, Mary Thompson, of Lucas, Texas; nieces Katherine (McClymonds) Crane (Bruce), Libby (Thompson) Lauten (Justin), nephews Reagan McClymonds, Sam Thompson, and Ben Thompson (Amanda). She also had four great-nephews and three great-nieces that she loved as her own grandchildren. Additionally, Carol is survived by many cousins on both sides of her family that she has remained close to throughout her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Nowata Historical Society.

