



*The
Lord is my
Shepherd*

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

November 11, 2023

In Loving Memory of

Judy Maxine Blubaum

PRELUDE

“Jesu Joy Of Man’s Desiring”

Karlee Wood, trumpet Solo

A Christian memorial service is a worship celebration. Although there is sadness because we no longer have our loved one with us, we meet here to celebrate the joy of victory for Judy Blubaum and for ourselves as we believe that Jesus Christ has died for us and was raised back to life. We worship together.

VICTORY CELEBRATION

Do you not know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were, therefore, buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we, too, may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. (*Romans 6:3–5*)

OBITUARY

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REMEMBRANCES

Joseph Blubaum

HYMN OF COMFORT

“Be Still, My Soul”

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide;

In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend

Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart

And all is darkened in this vale of tears;

Then you will better know His love, His heart,

Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.

Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay

From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

INVOCATION

P We gather here today to receive and to share with each other the comfort and strength of our Lord.

C **In His Word is both life and hope which is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P In You, O Lord, do we trust. Be with us this day as we need and seek Your guidance and direction in grief and sorrow.

C **In You, O Lord, do we trust. And so, we make our beginning in the name of the Father Who created us, the Son Who redeemed both body and soul, and the Holy Spirit Who made this earthly body the temple of our Lord. Amen.**

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today, Judy, our sister in Christ. We thank You for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion here on earth. In Your unlimited compassion, console us who mourn. Enable us, Lord, to be able to see in death the gate to eternal life and that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with Judy and those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God the Father Who loved us, and by His grace gave us eternal life, strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen. (*2 Thessalonians 2:16–17*)

FAVORITE VERSES OF JUDY'S

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 121 (ESV)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

GOSPEL PROMISE

John 14:1–6 (ESV)

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art”

Leigh Blubaum

MESSAGE

“LIFE IN CHRIST”

Revelation 7:9-17

Pastor Jim Sprengle

PRAYER

P O God, our Father in Heaven:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C **Have Mercy.**

P O God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor:

C **Grant us Your peace.**

P O, how glorious is that Kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ.

C **They are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb wherever He goes.**

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P Loving and merciful God, if it were not for the promise of the resurrection and life eternal, we could not endure the sorrow which has come upon this gathering. Only the assurance of Your continual presence enables us to carry on during these times. Lord, do not let these loved ones mourn as those who have no hope.

Comfort them day after day with the precious promise of Your Word. Give them grace to come to You and to find rest for their souls.

Merciful God, You have appointed us to endure trouble and sorrow with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory. Enable us to be strong in faith to the end and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come. We pray through Jesus. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 COMMENDATION

P Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Judy Maxine Blubaum. We humbly ask, Lord, that You acknowledge her as a sheep of Your fold, a lamb of Your flock, and a sinner whom You have redeemed. Receive her into Your merciful arms, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in Heaven.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Elderly Simeon spoke the following words when Baby Jesus was presented to him in the temple.)

Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

May God enable you to see Jesus as your salvation. In the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Majesty”

Ascension Lutheran Church Choir

Poem

by *Jacob Blubaum*

*Oh how nice, it must have been, The warmth of Christs embrace,
A feeling we've all dreamed about, A smile on Jesus face.*

*Gone are the days of confusion, Gone are the days of fear,
Your place in the Lords house is made, The end is no longer near.*

*Your time here with us, It is now gone,
But so are the clouds, That lingered so long.*

*Now all that is left, Was perfectly designed.
A heavenly body, A heavenly mind.*

*We will miss you, Your smile, Your laugh
Your Christmas biscuits n gravy.*

*we will carry on, Knowing what we know,
One day we will be reunited, But for now it's time to go.*

*Enjoy the peace, the perfection,
the glory of our God!*

*I know you'll be watching over us,
So for now I'll say So long.*

Memorials

Ascension Lutheran Mission Fund

*Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshment
in our community room immediately following the service.
You are then invited to the home of Scott and Leigh Blubaum
2889 SE Myrtlewood, Gresham, OR 97080*

Officiant: **Rev. Jim Sprengle**
Soloist: **Leigh Blubaum**
Trumpet: **Karlee Wood**
Musician: **Brad Hall**

CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

Judy Maxine Blubaum

July 26, 1942 - October 23, 2023



Judy Maxine (Scott) Blubaum passed away peacefully with her husband by her side in Troutdale, Oregon on October 23, 2023, at the age of 81 years 2 months 28 day. Judy is survived by her husband Bruce, her 4 children Brian Blubaum (Michael Jones), Scott (Leigh) Blubaum, Sandi (Matt) Gillgam, Susan Blubaum and her two sisters May Baucom and Helen Betts. She was a cherished grandmother to her four grandchildren: Joe, Jacob, Katie, and Olivia. In addition, Judy was blessed with six great-grandchildren. Judy was

preceded in death by her parents Rex and Winnie (Chronister) Scott.

Judy was born on July 26, 1942, in Pendleton, Oregon. On March 3, 1961, Judy married the love of her life and high school sweetheart Bruce Blubaum. Together they shared a lifetime of love, laughter, and companionship. Judy was a homemaker and a stay-at-home mom until her children became school aged. She began her career as a bookkeeper and eventually moved into healthcare and retired as a medical biller. Judy was known for her warm, compassionate, and altruistic nature. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and a friend who brought joy and comfort to everyone around her. She possessed a deep passion for family and enjoyed discovering new recipes and perfecting them in the kitchen for all to enjoy. Judy had an unwavering faith in God and was a longtime active member of Ascension Lutheran Church. She served as a greeter, Altar Guild member, and sat on the Mission Committee. Judy enjoyed traveling to different places including a missionary trip to Guatemala. Anywhere she went, Judy kept her eyes peeled for unique rocks to pick up and place in her pocket.

The family of Judy Maxine Blubaum would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation for the support and kindness of friends and loved ones during this challenging time. We would also like to thank the wonderful staff from Cherry Park Memory Care and Kaiser Permanente Hospice who provided such loving, exceptional care for Judy. Thank you, you are truly wonderful!